SUMMARY OF PACIFIC HALIBUT INCIDENTAL CATCH MANAGEMENT

Salmon Troll Fishery

The table below provides the number of licenses, allocation, harvest, and landing restrictions for the incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery since the initial season in 1995.

Incidental Halibut Management in Area 2A Salmon Troll Fishery.

		Lice	nses Issu	ıed		Pounds of	Halibut	Restriction	
Year	WA	OR	CA	AK- 2A	Total	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Chinook	Trip Limit
1995	14	104	2	5	125	16,068	2,125	1 per each 20	None
1996	22	82	5	14	123	16,068	9,521	1 + 1 per each 15	20
1997	59	187	10	19	275	21,635	17,570	1 + 1 per each 10	20
1998	44	188	15	18	265	25,344	13,124	1 + 1 per each 8	25
1999	54	193	12	25	284	23,490	9,955	1+1 per each 5	35
2000	49	154	8	24	235	24,464	22,350	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2001	63	232	13	37	347	34,046	34,100	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2002	60	223	7	41	331	39,300	41,000	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2003	60	209	10	44	323	39,300	41,917	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2004	74	212	11	47	344	44,554	47,658	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2005	79	249	12	52	392	39,918	41,817	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2006	54	138	6	26	224	41,464	39,912	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2007	62	188	17	25	292	43,667 a/	35,214	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2008	55	60	4	16	135	37,707	14,304	1+1 per each 2	35
2009	65	49	4	14	132	29,362	11,621	1+1 per each 2	35
2010	79	125	7	22	233	25,035	28,541	1+1 per each 3	35
2011	77	182	26	31	316	28,126	23,351	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2012	76	172	35	28	311	30,568	29,671	1 + 1 per each 4	20
2013	91	189	24	29	333	30,600	30,592	1+1 per each 3	$15^{b/}$
2014	98	242	45	39	424	33,671 ^{c/}	34,119	1+1 per each 4	$12^{d/}$
2015	86	229	21	28	364	29,035	28,356	1+1 per each 4	$12^{e/}$
2016	77	192	12	29	310	34,123	25,504	1+1 per each 3	20
2017						39,810			f/

a/ 40,227 lbs. preseason allocation plus 3,440 lbs. transferred inseason from the directed halibut fishery.

b/ The trip limit was changed on August 1 to no more than 5 halibut per trip.

c/29,671 lbs. preseason allocation plus 4,000 lbs. transferred inseason from the directed halibut fishery.

d/ Several inseason adjustments were made to the halibut per trip limit, displayed in parenthesis, and were as follows: May 30 (1), July 25 (3), August 8 (7), and August 22 (3).

e/ On August 7, 2015 the halibut per trip limit was reduced from 12 to 2. The fishery closed on August 20, 2015.

f/ If appropriate conditions are met, the April 1-30, 2017 limits would be no more than one Pacific halibut per each three Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 20 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip.

Commercial Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis

The table below provides the allocation, total harvest, landing restrictions, and season dates for the incidental halibut catch in the fixed-gear sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis since the initial season began in 2001.

Incidental Halibut Management in the Area 2A Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis, Washington.

	Pounds of I	Halibut	Restrictions		
Year	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Sablefish (dressed weight)	Season Dates	
2001	47,946	26,945	2+80 lb per 1,000 lb	Aug. 15-Oct. 31	
2002	88,389	66,599	2+150 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31	
2003	70,000	65,325	2+150 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31	
2004	70,000	75,071	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31	
2005	70,000	68,024	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 23	
2006	70,000	73,493	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31	
2007	70,000	48,502	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31	
2008	70,000	36,769	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31	
2009	11,895	5,116	100 lb per trip	May 1-Oct. 31	
2010	0	-	-	-	
2011	0	-	-	-	
2012	21,173	4,867	2 + 50 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct 31	
2013	21,410	14,529	2 + 75 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct 31	
2014	14,274	12,067	2 + 75 lb per 1,000 lb	April 8-Oct 31	
2015	10,348	9,763	2 + 75 lb per 1,000 lb	April 1-Aug 31 ^{a/}	
2016	49,686	29,499	2 + 110 lb per 1,000 lb	April 1-Oct 31	
2017	70,000		b/		

a/Retention was prohibited by IPHC on 12:01 AM September 1, 2015 as information indicated the quota had been attained.

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b/ Current regulations provide for Pacific halibut retention starting April 1, 2017 with a landing ratio of 110 pounds dressed weight of halibut for every 1,000 pounds dressed weight of sablefish landed and up to 2 additional halibut in excess of the 110-pounds-per-1,000-pound ratio per landing.