SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INCIDENTAL CATCH RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS FOR THE SALMON TROLL AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIXED GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERIES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) recommends the following alternatives for public review:

- Alternative 1 (Status Quo): May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and April 1-30, 2018, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each three Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 20 halibut landed per trip.
- Alternative 2: May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and April 1-30, 2018, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 30 halibut landed per trip.
- Alternative 3: May 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and April 1-30, 2018, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut landed per trip.

Incidental Pacific halibut catch regulations in the commercial salmon troll fishery may be modified by inseason action.

The SAS recommends that the current incidental Pacific halibut catch regulations remain for the period April 1-30, 2017. The current limit is no more than one halibut per three Chinook, except one halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 20 halibut may be landed per trip.

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