

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

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) recognizes that 2018 total allowable catch (TAC) for Pacific Halibut has not yet been adopted, but understands that a reasonable range may be a value somewhere between 1.33 million pounds (2017 Area 2A TAC), and 1.19 million pounds (International Pacific Halibut Commission U.S. Commissioner recommendation). Based on this potential range, the SAS recommends the following alternatives for public review:

- Alternative 1 (Status Quo): May 1, 2018 through the end of the 2018 salmon troll fishery, and April 1-30, 2019, 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.
- Alternative 2: May 1, 2018 through the end of the 2018 salmon troll fishery, and April 1-30, 2019, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except two Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 40 halibut landed per trip.
- Alternative 3: May 1, 2018 through the end of the 2018 salmon troll fishery, and April 1-30, 2019, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except two 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, 2018. The current limit is no more than one halibut per each two Chinook, except one halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip.