SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON FINAL INSEASON MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING SHOREBASED CARRYOVER AND EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS (EFP)

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) would like to request that changes to the landing ratio of lingcod to salmon in the salmon troll fishery be considered.

The current landing ratio was initiated when lingcod were being rebuilt. Given the improved status of lingcod, the SAS supports changing the current ratio of 1 to 15 to 1 to 5 (lingcod to salmon). All other current regulations would remain in place. The language below reflects the requested change.

The SAS understands that changes may not be able to be made immediately, but would appreciate any consideration now or in the near future.

Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit. Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 5 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed, and is not "CLOSED." This limit is within the per month limit for lingcod described in the table above, and not in addition to that limit. All groundfish species are subject to the open access limits, seasons, size limits and RCA restrictions listed in the table above, unless otherwise stated here.

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