

INCIDENTAL CATCH LIMITS FOR 2019 SALMON TROLL FISHERY - FINAL ACTION

The 2019 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for Area 2A allocates 15 percent of the non-Indian commercial halibut allocation to the salmon troll fishery as incidental catch. The primary management objective outlined in the CSP is to harvest the incidental quota during the April through June salmon troll fishery, with a secondary objective to harvest any remaining quota from July through the remainder of the salmon troll fishery.

The Council has successfully used landing ratios and a total trip limit to ensure a manageable progression of the fishery in past years. A summary of management information for the incidental halibut fishery is provided in Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1.

The April 1-30, 2019 landing restrictions are no more than one halibut per each two Chinook, except one halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 25 halibut may be landed per trip. For the rest of the season, the Council adopted the following options for public review.

Option 1 (status quo): May 1, 2019 through the end of the 2019 salmon troll fishery, and April 1-30, 2020, license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 25 halibut landed per trip.

Option 2: Same as Option 1, except no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip.

Option 3: Same as Option 1, except no more than 15 halibut may be landed per trip.

The landing restrictions adopted for the start of the season in 2020 would be in effect from April 1-30, 2020 (pre-May 1 fisheries) unless modified by the Council through a recommendation for inseason action at the March 2020 meeting.

Final Council action is scheduled on the proposed limits at the April 2019 Council meeting.

Council Action:

Adopt final landing restrictions for Pacific halibut caught incidentally in the non-Indian salmon troll fishery May 1, 2019 through the end of the 2019 salmon troll season, and April 1-30, 2020.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1: Summary of Pacific Halibut Incidental Catch Management.
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- H.1 Incidental Catch Limits for 2019 Salmon Troll Fishery – Final Action Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Incidental Catch Recommendations for 2019 and April 2020 Non-Indian Salmon Troll Fisheries

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