

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON EMERGENCY ACTION TO CONSIDER A
SEASON EXTENSION FOR THE 2020
LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR PRIMARY SABLEFISH FISHERY– FINAL ACTION

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed and discussed the material associated with Agenda Item D.2 Workload and New Management Measure Priorities, and more specifically Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 4.

The EC notes Supplemental REVISED GMT Report 4 points to some previous enforcement concerns related to the extension of the permitted sablefish season. The EC currently has no enforcement concerns related to sablefish if the permitted sablefish season were to be extended from October 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The EC has reviewed the current International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) regulations which state all commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all IPHC Regulatory Areas shall cease for the year at 1200 local time on 15 November. Should the Council decide to also extend the incidental Halibut fishery North of Point Chehalis, the EC would ask that it not extend past the November 15 date to not conflict with IPHC regulations.

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