

Agenda Item D.7 Emergency Action to Consider a Season Extension for the 2020 Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Sablefish Fishery– Final Action Council

Council Action:

Consider Emergency Action to Extend the Limited Entry Fixed Gear Primary Sablefish Fishery for 2020; Including Incidental Pacific Halibut Landing Restrictions

I move that the Council request that the National Marine Fisheries Service:

1. Initiate an Emergency Rule to extend the primary sablefish season from October 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and
2. extend the period allowed for incidental halibut retention until November 15, 2020 (the maximum allowed by International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) regulations).

The Council's request for item 2 is contingent upon it not interfering with timely implementation of item 1 or the Council's recommendations made under Agenda Item D5.

Moved by Corey Niles; 2nd by Phil Anderson

Amendment: under item #2: delete the period following “regulations” and replace with: “, with an incidental landing ratio of 250 lbs. halibut per 1,000 lbs. sablefish landed and up to 2 halibut in excess of the limit”

Amendment by Maggie Sommer; 2nd by Christa M. Svensson

Amendment passed unan.

Main motion as amended carried. Ms. Ames, NMFS voted no (procedural).

DRAFT-NOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES