

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
TRANSITION OF AREA 2A FISHERY MANAGEMENT – FINAL ACTION

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) received an overview from Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Pacific Fishery Management Council staff, regarding the management of the Area 2A Non-Indian Commercial Directed Pacific Halibut Fishery.

The SAS reviewed the [Updated Range of Alternatives for the Proposed Transfer of Management](#) under this agenda item and suggests the Council adopt the bolded alternatives in that document as the final preferred alternatives (FPAs). They are repeated here:

1. 4.1.2 - Alternative 2: Consider the directed fishery framework during the CSP process in September and November, including any guidance for vessel limits and inseason changes for NMFS implementation.
2. 4.2.1 Alternative 2: Issue permits for all Area 2A halibut fisheries: commercial directed, incidental salmon troll, incidental sablefish, and recreational charter halibut fisheries.
3. 4.2.2 Alternative 2: Allow NMFS to determine the appropriate application deadlines for all commercial halibut applications, set to coincide with Council meetings and NMFS processing time.
4. 4.2.5 Alternative 1: Status quo (revised). Require proof of permit to be onboard fishing vessel and made readily available upon request regardless of the type of permit (e.g., paper, or electronic). NMFS to provide access to permit in a printable format or send paper copy directly to participant.