SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL-DIRECTED FISHERY REGULATIONS FOR 2021

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) was provided an overview of the Area 2A Non-Indian Commercial-Directed Pacific Halibut Fishery (directed fishery) structure options for 2021 by Mr. Brett Wiedoff. The SAS supports the current regulations, with the Monday through Wednesday 58-hour fishery period, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) recommendation of no change as presented in E.3.a, Supplemental IPHC Report 1. The longer duration 58-hour directed fishery created a safer environment and greater entry opportunities for smaller vessels, as well as opportunities to find productive fishing grounds relative to the 10-hour fishing period. Confusion over days and landing limits has been worked out because the fishery has adjusted to the updated structure.

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