

SUMMARY OF PACIFIC HALIBUT INCIDENTAL CATCH MANAGEMENT

Salmon Troll Fishery

The table below provides the number of licenses, allocation, harvest, and landing restrictions for the incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery since the initial season in 1995.

Incidental Halibut Management in Area 2A Salmon Troll Fishery									
Year	Licenses Issued					Pounds of Halibut		Season Restriction (in effect on May) ^{a/}	
	WA	OR	CA	AK-2A	Total	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Chinook	Trip Limit
1995	14	104	2	5	125	16,068	2,125	1 per each 20	None
1996	22	82	5	14	123	16,068	9,521	1 + 1 per each 15	20
1997	59	187	10	19	275	21,635	17,570	1 + 1 per each 10	20
1998	44	188	15	18	265	25,344	13,124	1 + 1 per each 8	25
1999	54	193	12	25	284	23,490	9,955	1 + 1 per each 5	35
2000	49	154	8	24	235	24,464	22,350	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2001	63	232	13	37	347	34,046	34,100	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2002	60	223	7	41	331	39,300	41,000	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2003	60	209	10	44	323	39,300	41,917	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2004	74	212	11	47	344	44,554	47,658	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2005	79	249	12	52	392	39,918	41,817	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2006	54	138	6	26	224	41,464	39,912	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2007	62	188	17	25	292	43,667 ^{b/}	35,214	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2008	55	60	4	16	135	37,707	14,304	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2009	65	49	4	14	132	29,362	11,621	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2010	79	125	7	22	233	25,035	28,541	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2011	77	182	26	31	316	28,126	23,351	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2012	76	172	35	28	311	30,568	29,671	1 + 1 per each 4	20
2013	91	189	24	29	333	30,600	30,592	1 + 1 per each 3	15
2014	98	242	45	39	424	33,671 ^{c/}	34,119	1 + 1 per each 4	12
2015	86	229	21	28	364	29,035	28,356	1 + 1 per each 4	12
2016	77	192	12	29	310	34,123	25,504	1 + 1 per each 3	20
2017	70	115	13	48	222	39,810	38,621	1 + 1 per each 3	35
2018	75	116	9	24	224	35,620	34,903	1 + 1 per each 2	25
2019	NA	NA	NA	NA	228	44,899	43,417	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2020	NA	NA	NA	NA	189	44,899	29,012	1 + 1 per each 2	35 ^{d/}
2021	--	--	--	--	--	45,198	--	e/	e/

a/ May 1 start date applies through 2020. Beginning 2021, Salmon season start date is May 16. Inseason action has been necessary to ensure the fishery remained within, or had adequate access to, the annual allocation in annually since 2013, with the exception of 2016.

b/ 40,227 lbs. preseason allocation plus 3,440 lbs. transferred inseason from the directed halibut fishery.

c/ 29,671 lbs. preseason allocation plus 4,000 lbs. transferred inseason from the directed halibut fishery.

d/ The Council made no inseason changes to the limits adopted in 2019 for April 1-30, 2020 of no more than 1 Pacific halibut per each 2 Chinook, except 1 Pacific halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip. 2020 inseason action included extending the incidental retention of halibut beyond the June 30 with the same retention limits in place.

e/ Unless revised, consistent with limits adopted by the Council in April 2020, Pacific halibut may be retained starting April 1, 2021 of no more than 1 Pacific halibut per each 2 Chinook, except 1 Pacific halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut may be possessed or landed per trip (1 + 1 per each 2, trip limit 35).

Commercial Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis, WA

The table below provides the allocation, total harvest, landing restrictions, and season dates for the incidental halibut catch in the fixed gear sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis since the initial season began in 2001.

Incidental Halibut Management in the Area 2A Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis, WA.				
Pounds of Halibut			Restrictions (in effect on April 1)	
Year	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Sablefish (dressed weight)	Season Dates ^{a/}
2001	47,946	26,945	2+80 lb per 1,000 lb	Aug. 15-Oct. 31
2002	88,389	66,599	2+150 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2003	70,000	65,325	2+150 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2004	70,000	75,071	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2005	70,000	68,024	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 23
2006	70,000	73,493	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2007	70,000	48,502	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2008	70,000	36,769	2+100 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2009	11,895	5,116	100 lb per trip	May 1-Oct. 31
2010	0	-	-	-
2011	0	-	-	-
2012	21,173	4,867	2 + 50 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2013	21,410	14,529	2 + 75 lb per 1,000 lb	May 1-Oct. 31
2014	14,274	12,067	2 + 75 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 8-Oct. 31
2015	10,348	9,763	2 + 75 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Aug. 31
2016	49,686	29,499	2 + 110 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Oct. 31
2017	70,000	35,866	2 + 110 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Oct. 31
2018	50,000	43,716	2 + 140 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Oct. 31
2019	70,000	79,360	2 + 200 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Oct. 31
2020	70,000	63,358	2 + 250 lb per 1,000 lb ^{b/}	Apr. 1-Nov 15
2021	70,000		c/	Apr. 1-Oct. 31

a/ Inseason action was necessary in to ensure the fishery remained within, or had adequate access to, the annual allocation every year since 2015, with the exception of 2016.

b/ Beginning April 1, 2020, Pacific halibut landing limit was 200 pounds (dressed weight) of halibut per 1,000 pounds (dressed weight) of sablefish and up to 2 additional halibut in excess of the landing limit ratio (2+200 per 1,000 lbs). Effective October 19, 2020 the landing limit was changed to 2+ 250 per 1,000 lbs through inseason

c/ Unless revised, Pacific halibut may be retained starting April 1, 2021 with the 2020 inseason landing ratio put into effect October 19, 2020. Landing limits allowed are 250 pounds dressed weight of halibut for every 1,000 pounds dressed weight of sablefish landed, and up to 2 additional halibut in excess of the ratio requirement.

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