

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
INCIDENTAL CATCH RECOMMENDATIONS: OPTIONS FOR SALMON TROLL AND  
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIXED GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERIES

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) recommends the following options for public review:

All alternatives are for the time period of May 16, 2024, through the end of the 2024 salmon troll fishery, and beginning April 1, 2025, until modified through inseason action or superseded by the 2025 management measures.

- Alternative 1: (status quo) license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 halibut landed per trip. (1+1 per each 2, 35)
- Alternative 2: license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 50 halibut landed per trip. (1+1 per each 2, 50)
- Alternative 3: license holders may land no more than one Pacific halibut per each two Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 25 halibut landed per trip. (1+1 per each 2, 25)

Incidental Pacific halibut catch regulations in the commercial salmon troll fishery may be modified by inseason action.

The SAS recommends that the current incidental Pacific halibut catch regulations remain for the period April 1 - May 15, 2024. The current limit is no more than one halibut per each two Chinook, except one halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement and no more than 35 halibut may be landed per trip.

The SAS also recommends that the Council ask National Marine Fisheries Service to re-examine the permit application deadlines for the directed halibut, incidental sablefish, and incidental salmon fisheries. Current deadlines require permit applications be submitted before seasons are established and therefore do not allow licensees to apply for the ideal fishery license for that year.