

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 Pacific halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery since 2001.

Incidental Halibut Management in Area 2A Salmon Troll Fishery									
Year	Licenses Issued ^{e/}					Pounds of Halibut		Season Restriction (in effect on season start date) ^{a/}	
	WA	OR	CA	AK-2A	Total	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Chinook	Trip Limit
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	-	-	-	-	228	44,899	43,417	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2020	-	-	-	-	189	44,899	29,012	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2021	-	-	-	-	200	45,198	18,562	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2022	-	-	-	-	199	44,599	22,281	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2023	-	-	-	-	142	45,497	24,255	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2024	-	-	-	-	111	44,001	30,363	1 + 1 per each 2	35
2025	-	-	-	-	NA	45,797	--	d/	d/

a/ Inseason action has been necessary to ensure the fishery remained within, or had adequate access to, the annual allocation since 2013, except for 2016. The inseason actions includes extending the fishery beyond June 30.

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/ Each year in April the Council adopts limits for the upcoming salmon season beginning May 16 until the salmon season closes. At the same time, the Council adopts limits for the following year for April 1-May 15 until modified inseason or replaced with the rules adopted for the next salmon season (which begin May 16). Unless revised, beginning April 1, 2025, the Council-adopted limits are no more than 1 Pacific halibut per each 2 Chinook, except 1 Pacific halibut may be landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than 35 Pacific halibut may be landed per trip (1 + 1 per each 2, trip limit 35).

e/ License data by state is not available for 2019-2025 due to the updated permit system.

Commercial Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis, WA

The table below provides the allocation, total harvest, landing restrictions, and season dates for the incidental Pacific 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 ^{a/}				
Pounds of Halibut			Restrictions (in effect on April 1)	
Year ^{b/}	Allocation	Total Harvest	Halibut per Sablefish (dressed weight)	Season Dates ^{c/}
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	Apr. 1-Nov 15
2021	70,000	69,081	2 + 225 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Dec. 31
2022	50,000	57,132	2 + 150 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Dec 31
2023	70,000	45,595	2 + 150 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Dec. 31
2024	50,000	34,624	2 + 150 lb per 1,000 lb	Apr. 1-Dec. 31
2025	70,000	-	d/	Apr. 1-Dec. 31

a/ The incidental fishery during the directed, fixed gear sablefish season is restricted to waters that are north of Point Chehalis, Washington, (46°53.30' N. latitude) under regulations promulgated by NOAA Fisheries at 50 CFR 300.63. Landing restrictions for Pacific halibut retention in the fixed gear sablefish fishery can be found at 50 CFR 660.231.

b/ Inseason action was necessary to ensure the fishery remained within, or had adequate access to, the annual allocation every year since 2015, with the exception of 2016-2019 and 2022-2023.

c/ Fishery dates extending into December will close on the scheduled date (printed) or the closure date for halibut retention required by the International Pacific Halibut Commission, whichever is earliest.

d/ Unless revised, Pacific halibut may be retained starting April 1, 2025 with the landing ratios in effect at the close of the 2024 season. The landing limit was 150 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 (2 + 150 lb per 1,000 lb).