

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, 2025, through the end of the 2025 salmon troll fishery, and beginning April 1, 2026, until modified through inseason action or superseded by the 2026 management measures.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 40 halibut landed per trip. (1+1 per each 2, 40)**
- 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 30 halibut landed per trip. (1+1 per each 2, 30)

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

**The SAS recommends Alternative 2 for the period April 1 - May 15, 2025.** 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. This limit has been in place since 2019, but harvest of halibut has been well below the allocation in recent years. The small increase in the trip limit would allow for better retention of halibut when encountered.

**Application deadlines for permits:**

The SAS appreciates previous updates from National Marine Fisheries Service that they are looking into moving the permit deadline and reiterates that moving the application permit deadline would allow participants to make better informed economic decisions when deciding whether to apply for a DC halibut permit or an incidental salmon troll permit. The SAS has been making this recommendation for a number of meetings and hopes changes to the permit deadline can be made for the 2025 season, recognizing that the federal rulemaking process may not make this possible.

**The SAS maintains their recommendation from September that the application deadline should be changed to March 15 for the incidental salmon troll permit and April 30 for the DC fishery permit but further recommends a deadline for the incidental salmon troll permit as late as possible.**