

## STATUS OF 2001 PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES

Situation: The 2001 Pacific halibut season in the Council management area is winding down. After August 17, 2001, only a few fisheries remain, including the first fishery for incidental halibut catch in the directed longline sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis, Washington. Bad weather has extended some mop-up fisheries longer than in most years, including the directed halibut longline season.

Attachment 1 provides a preliminary report summarizing the harvest in the 2001 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A to date.

### **Council Task:**

#### **1. Information and discussion.**

#### Reference Materials:

1. Preliminary Report on the 2001 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A (Exhibit B.1, Attachment 1).

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