

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON 2013 PACIFIC HALIBUT
REGULATIONS

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) met via teleconference on October 29, 2012 to review proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) (Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1). The SAS members in attendance were supportive of the following proposals with one abstention.

Allow retention of incidentally-caught Pacific halibut in the commercial salmon troll fishery beginning April 1. The SAS would also be supportive of changing the deadline for acquiring International Pacific Halibut Commission licenses to March 15 rather than the current March 31 to accommodate the April 1 start date for incidental retention. The SAS requests that the International Pacific Halibut Commission and the States assist in notifying the fleet if these changes are adopted.

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