

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INCIDENTAL CATCH RECOMENDATIONS FOR THE SALMON TROLL AND FIXED GEAR
SABLEFISH FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends for the Salmon troll fishery that the options contained within Agenda Item H2.b, Supplemental SAS Report, be adopted for public review. Those options are:

1. Status quo; 1 + 1 per each 3 (halibut per Chinook), 35 halibut trip limit
2. 1 + 1 per each 4 “ “ “ , 20 “ “ “
3. 1 + 1 per each 3 “ “ “ , 15 “ “ “

With the sablefish fixed gear fishery, harvestable amount of halibut is enough to allow retention in the north of Point Chehalis fishery for 2012. The GAP recommends the following options for public review:

1. Status quo; 100 lb per trip
2. 2 + 50 lb per 1000 lb. (Halibut per Sablefish, dressed weight)
3. 400 lb per trip.

Option #2 is calculated from the 2001 fishery where the harvest was 26,945 lb at 80 lb per 1000 lb. 50 lb per 1000 should result in a harvest close to 21,173.

Option #3 is calculated from the 2009 fishery where harvest was 5,415 lb at 100 lb per trip or approximately one-fourth of what is available for 2012.