

News Release



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Area 2A Incidental Commercial Halibut Fishery During the Salmon Troll Season

The incidental commercial fishery catch limit of halibut allocated to the Area 2A salmon troll fishery in 2014 is 29,671 pounds. Preliminary landings are estimated at a total of 26,330 pounds leaving an estimated 3,341 pounds to be harvested. Estimated landings to date are 11,194 pounds into Oregon and 15,136 pounds into Washington.

In-season actions were taken to ensure the catch limit is not exceeded. The actions taken are:

- 1) Retention of Pacific halibut by IPHC licensed salmon troll vessels in all areas north of Cape Falcon, Oregon are limited to one Pacific halibut per trip effective 12:01 AM Friday, May 30, 2014.
- 2) Retention of Pacific halibut by IPHC licensed salmon troll vessels in all areas south of Cape Falcon, Oregon are limited to one Pacific halibut per trip effective 11:59 PM Friday, May 30, 2014. Beginning 12:01 AM Saturday, May 31, any vessels in possession of more than one Pacific halibut must cease all fishing activities until Pacific halibut in excess of one have been landed and delivered. All Pacific halibut, in excess of one per trip, must be landed and delivered no later than 11:59 PM, Saturday, May 31.

The incidental halibut catch fishery during the salmon troll season remains open until further notice. For further incidental fishery retention information, call the NMFS hotline (1-800-662-9825 press 7 for halibut information).

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