

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 2015 is 29,035 pounds. Landings of halibut are estimated at a total of 27,000 pounds (net weight) leaving an estimated 2,035 pounds to be harvested.

The following in-season action was taken to ensure the catch limit is not exceeded:

- 1) Effective Friday, August 7, 2015 (12:01 a.m.) retention of Pacific halibut by IPHC licensed salmon troll vessels in Area 2A is limited to one Pacific halibut per four Chinook, except one Pacific halibut may be possessed or landed without meeting the ratio requirement, and no more than two halibut may be possessed or landed per trip.

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).

Due to the short notice nature of this notification, it is posted to our website only, and no paper copy has been mailed out.

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