

4/11/02 Council Final Motion on Halibut Subsistence Trailing Amendments

The Council adopted Alternative 3, modified as follows:

Part 1: Areas 4C, 4D, and 4E — Eliminate Gear Restrictions

Part 2: A: In Areas 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B— allow stacking of a maximum of 3 times the number of hooks on a single unit of gear per trip, provided that the subsistence users are on board the vessel (no proxy provisions).

B: In Area 2C, excluding Sitka LAMP area, 30 hooks and 20 fish per day is the individual and vessel limit (no stacking, community harvest permit system but no proxy).

Part 3: Add to part 3 (A), (B) and (C) and part 4 (Area 2C– Sitka LAMP area) (below) a community harvest permit program, with the inclusion of Sitka as an eligible community. Community harvest permits may not be used in the Sitka LAMP area. The Council Halibut Subsistence Committee will work with NMFS to develop criteria for community harvest permits to federally recognized tribes and other local governments of rural communities that have been recognized by the Council in October 2000 as having customary and traditional use of halibut. The criteria will be defined in the Proposed Rule and reviewed by the Council at a subsequent meeting.

Part 3 (A): In Area 3A, Kodiak road zone and Chiniak Bay:

1. 10 hooks
2. 20 fish annual limit
3. No proxy system
4. Allow stacking of a maximum up to 3 times the number of hooks on a single unit of gear provided that the subsistence user(s) are on board the vessel.

Part 3 (B): In Area 3A, Prince William Sound:

1. 10 hooks
2. No fish annual limit
3. No proxy system
4. Allow stacking of a maximum up to 3 times the number of hooks on a single unit of gear provided that the subsistence user(s) are on board the vessel.

Part 3 (C): In Area 3A, Cook Inlet:

1. 10 hooks
2. No fish annual limit
3. No proxy system
4. Allow stacking of a maximum up to 3 times the number of hooks on a single unit of gear provided that the subsistence user(s) are on board the vessel.
5. The Cook Inlet non-subsistence use area southern boundary would be set at the Board of Fisheries recommended latitude/longitude of 59°30.40'N

Part 4: In Area 2C Sitka Sound LAMP Area:

During September 1 to May 31

1. 30 hooks/vessel, power hauling allowed.
2. 10 halibut per day/vessel
3. No annual fish limit
4. No proxy system

During June 1 to August 31

1. 15 hooks per vessel, no power hauling, no proxy, no stacking
2. 5 halibut per day/vessel
3. No annual fish limit
4. No longline fishing area four nautical miles south and west of Low Island

Part 5: Adopt a ceremonial, cultural and educational harvest permit system modeled after USFWS existing system as recommended by the Halibut Subsistence Committee.

Part 6: For Areas 4C, 4D and 4E, allow retention of legal size halibut for subsistence use by residents of qualifying Area 4 communities while CDQ fishing on their own vessels. Retained subsistence-caught halibut by locally-owned vessels shall be marked while CDQ fishing and would not count against a CDQ allocation.

Part 7: The Council requests that NMFS, ADF&G, and IPHC assist subsistence halibut harvesters as well as other interested groups in gathering harvest and other information, on an annual basis, on the halibut, rockfish, and ling cod removals by all user groups.