

Halibut Subsistence III Motion - December 2004

Action 1. Revise the subsistence halibut regulations for gear and harvest to address local area issues.

Alternative 2. Change gear and annual limits in Kodiak road zone and Chiniak Bay:
Limit stacking on a single unit of gear per trip provided the subsistence user(s) are on board the vessel to two times the hook limit with community harvest permit program

Add seasonal gear and vessel limits in Sitka Sound LAMP:

June 1 to August 31

September 1 to May 31

15 hooks per vessel

no power hauling

5 halibut per day/vessel

10 halibut per day/vessel

The Council supports mandatory retention of rockfish

Action 2. Revise the list of eligible subsistence halibut communities.

Alternative 2. Add Naukati to list of eligible communities.

Action 3. Create a subsistence halibut possession limit for Area 2C, and/or 3A, and/or 3B.

Alternative 2. Create a possession limit equal to one daily limit.

Action 4. Revise the definition of charter vessels.

Alternative 3. A charter vessel is one that is registered as such with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Restrict the use of the charter vessel to the owner of record and the owner's immediate family (the owner must be an eligible subsistence user). Prohibit the use of a charter vessel for subsistence fishing while clients are on board. Prohibit the transfer of subsistence halibut to clients.

Action 5. Revise the \$400 customary trade limit for subsistence halibut by IPHC regulatory area.

Alternative 4. Eliminate the \$400 customary trade limit but allow:

Customary trade is limited to:

1. Rural residents eligible for subsistence harvest of halibut may be reimbursed by other residents of their rural community for actual trip expenses for ice, bait, food, and/or fuel directly related to the harvest of subsistence halibut.

2. Members of an Alaska tribe eligible for subsistence harvest halibut may be reimbursed by other members of an Alaska tribe for actual trip expenses for ice, bait, food, and/or fuel directly related to the harvest of subsistence halibut.

Subsistence caught halibut cannot enter commerce.

Action 6. Allow subsistence halibut fishing in non-subsistence areas under special permits.

Alternative 2. Allow the use of educational permits, and ceremonial permits in non-subsistence use areas by tribes whose traditional fishing grounds are located within these areas, with the associated permit limit.