Halibut Fisheries Management

International Fisheries Treaty

Protocol Amending the **Convention** between Canada and the United States for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea

Legislation

Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982

The Halibut Act provides the Secretary of Commerce with the general responsibility to carry out the requirements of the Convention and the Halibut Act

Halibut fisheries regulations
Two processes

Foreign Affairs Function
The International Pacific Halibut
Commission (IPHC) annually
promulgates regulations governing the
Pacific halibut fishery

After acceptance by the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce, the IPHC regulations are published in the *Federal Register* as annual management measures

NMFS rulemaking

The North Pacific Fishery
Management Council (Council) has
authority to develop regulations that
are in addition to, and not in
conflict with, approved IPHC
regulations

Council-developed regulations may be implemented by NMFS only after approval by the Secretary of Commerce