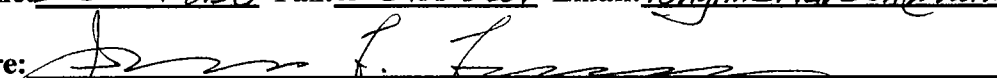


IPHC Catch Limit Comment Form

Comment on Regulatory Area: 2A/2B/2C/3A/3B/4A/4B/4CDE Year: 2008
(Circle all that apply)

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1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal?

Reduce catch in all administrative areas by 9% for 2008.

2. What is the supporting information for this recommendation (e.g., catch rates, biomass trends, recruitment, etc.)? Please be specific where possible.

- ① If the assessment of abundance of the halibut stock is made as a single coastwide unit it follows that increases or decreases in abundance should be shared equally by each administrative area and user group.
- ② Rationale for reducing some administrative areas and increasing others is flawed as it fails to appreciate migration of halibut patterns going east and west through 3A during an eight month harvest window. This issue needs to be addressed.
Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by December 31, 2007 will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. **Remember to include contact information and signature.**
- ③ Anecdotally, I have fished the same areas in 2C for last 20 years and seen NO appreciable change in abundance.
- ④ Imposing draconian reductions in 2B and 2C while

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allowing the status quo or increases in districts
further west is biologically unsound and economically
devastating to British Columbia and Southeast.