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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
BSAI PSC Halibut Stock Impacts - Discussion Paper

ESTIMATED TIME:
2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review discussion paper on BSAI PSC Halibut Stock Impacts

BACKGROUND

In February 2014, the Council reviewed a discussion paper on a number of issues related to usage of Pacific halibut prohibited species catch (PSC) in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish fisheries. As one of several next steps to address halibut PSC usage in the BSAI fisheries, the Council requested a report from International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) staff on the status of the halibut resource and the impact of halibut PSC in the BSAI trawl and fixed gear groundfish fisheries on halibut stock biomass, the reproductive potential of the halibut stock, and short and long-term halibut yields to the directed halibut fisheries. This report was posted in mid-May. IPHC staff will present its findings.