

October 2, 1998

DRAFT AGENDA

**Joint Meeting of the
International Pacific Halibut Commission
and the
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
October 6, 1998
1-5 PM
Doubletree Hotel-SeaTac
Seattle, Washington**

- I. **Bycatch Mortality Reduction in Groundfish Fisheries**
 - (a) Staff report on BSAI pollock bottom trawl gear prohibition.
 - (b) Staff Report on VBA/HMAP/IVCP¹.
 - (c) Progress report on industry experiment with halibut excluder trawl.
 - (d) Progress report on halibut donation program.

- II. **Halibut Community Development Quota Program**
 - (a) Review Proposed Rule for halibut CDQ fishery.
 - (b) Review report on halibut discard mortality rate assumptions for CDQ fishery.
 - (c) Update on retention of undersized CDQ halibut in Area 4E.
 - (d) Report on Chukchi Sea halibut surveys.

- III. **Halibut IFO Program**
 - (a) Progress on weighmaster program.
 - (b) Progress report on joint logbook.
 - (c) Report on overage/underage policies.

- IV. **Halibut Personal Use Management**
 - (a) Update on GHM and moratorium management alternatives.
 - (b) Charterboat logbook.
 - (c) Halibut subsistence update.
 - (d) Joint Board/Council Committee recommendations on ADF&G statistical areas.

- V. **Multi-Agency Ecosystem Research**

¹VBA: Vessel Bycatch Allowance
HMAP: Halibut Mortality Avoidance Program
IVCP: Individual Vessel Checklist Program