

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

D1 Motion – Exempted Fishing Permits for halibut deck sorting and halibut genetic samples

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The Council supports issuance of an exempted fishing permit to continue refining methods for sorting halibut on deck of non-pollock trawl vessels in the BSAI and GOA in 2018 and 2019.

The Council also supports issuance of an exempted fishing permit for crew members to collect genetic samples from incidentally caught halibut on a hook-and-line vessel in the 2018 A season western Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fishery.