

Table 6 - Final 2003 apportionment of Pacific halibut PSC trawl limits between the trawl gear deep-water species complex and shallow-water species complex. (Amounts are in mt)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Shallow-water</u>	<u>Deep-water</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jan. 20-April 1	450	100	550
April 1-June 29	100	300	400
June 29-Sept. 1	200	400	600
Sept. 1-Oct. 1	<u>150</u>	Any Remainder	<u>150</u>
Subtotal			
Jan. 20-Oct. 1	900	800	1,700
Oct. 1-Dec. 31	---	—	<u>300</u>
Total	---	—	2,000

No apportionment between shallow-water and deep-water fishery complexes during the 5th season (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31)

#### Halibut Discard Mortality Rates

The Council recommended, and NMFS concurs, that the halibut discard mortality rates (DMRs) recommended by the IPHC staff for the 2002 GOA groundfish fisheries be used to monitor halibut bycatch mortality limits established for the 2003 GOA groundfish fisheries. The IPHC recommended use of long-term average DMRs for the 2001–2003 groundfish fisheries. The IPHC recommendation also includes a provision that DMRs

could be revised should analysis indicate that a fishery's annual DMR diverges substantially (up or down) from the long-term average. Most of the DMRs were based on an average of mortality rates determined from NMFS observer data collected between 1990 and 1999. DMRs were lacking for some fisheries, so rates from the most recent years were used. For the “other species” fishery, where insufficient mortality data are available, the mortality rates of halibut caught in the trawl, hook-and-

line, and pot gear Pacific cod fisheries were recommended as a default rate. The DMRs for 2003 are unchanged from those used in 2002 in the GOA. The DMRs for hook-and-line targeted fisheries range from 8 to 24 percent. The DMRs for trawl targeted fisheries range from 58 to 72 percent. The DMRs for all pot targeted fisheries is 14 percent. The final 2003 DMRs are listed in Table 7. The justification for these DMRs is discussed in Appendix A of the final SAFE report dated November 2002.