Pacific halibut

IDENTIFICATION

SCIENTIFIC NAME
Hipoglossus stenolepis

SPECIES NAMES
Pacific halibut

STOCK IDENTIFICATION

ASSESSMENT

Strengths
Spawning Biomass is above target levels. Managers have suspended management actions that were not conducive to conservation.

Weaknesses
Harvest rates when bycatch included are too high. Exploitable biomass falling. Model over estimates biomass and underestimates mortality relative to the terminal year. As such stock is lower than what the scientific advice suggests.

SCORES

Management Quality:

Management Strategy
MANAGERS Compliance
FISHERS Compliance

6 to 10
7.7 to 10
5.6 to 10

Stock Health:

Current Health
Future Health

7.6 ± 9.8
3.5 ±
7.8

MSC

US North Pacific Halibut:
MSC Recertified

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Encourage your supply chain to start a fishery improvement project. For advice on starting a FIP see SFP’s Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs here.
2. Work with other suppliers and buyers on a pre-competitive basis to start a supplier roundtable to review improvement needs in this and other similar fisheries, catalyze fishery improvement projects, and monitor progress in improvement efforts.

Monitor the progress in closing out conditions placed upon the MSC certification of the fishery and if agreed timelines are met, offer assistance in closing conditions where possible.

RELATED LINKS:

- International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)
- North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)
- US National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN

Fishery Profile
https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/3351