

**NMFS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
2008 PACIFIC HALIBUT CATCH SHARING PLAN FOR AREA 2A**

NMFS is proposing a few editorial changes to the 2008 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) to clean up some outdated language. The proposed changes are as follows:

- 1) In section (b) Allocations, delete paragraph (b)(2) referring to the 25,000 lb tribal allocation resulting from the U.S. v. Washington case (U.S., et al. v. State of Washington, et al. Case No. 9213 Phase I, Subproceeding No. 92-1, Stipulation and Order, July 7, 1999). This paragraph required 25,000 lb dressed weight of halibut to be transferred from the non-treaty Area 2A halibut allocation to the treaty allocation in Area 2A-1 each year for eight years from 2000-2007, for a total transfer of 200,000 lb. Because this total transfer of 200,000 pounds is complete, this language is no longer necessary in the CSP. In addition, language referring to paragraph (b)(2) is deleted from paragraphs (b)(1) and (d) of the CSP.
- 2) In section (f) and in paragraph (f)(1), the number of sport subareas is revised from seven to six. In 2004, the Oregon Central Coast, previously two subareas- North Central and South Central, joined into one Central Coast subarea. Since 2004, there have been six sport subareas instead of seven.
- 3) In section (f)(5)(ii)(E) of the CSP and in 50 CFR 300.63 (c)(2)(v) of the regulations, flexible inseason management for sport fisheries, the phrase “north of Cape Falcon, OR” is removed from the phrase so that it reads, “modification of subarea quotas.” As mentioned in the paragraph (f)(5)(i)(C) and (D), unused quota can be moved inseason both north of Cape Falcon, OR, and south of Leadbetter Point, WA, to modify quota in Area 2A sport fisheries.