

NMFS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
2009 PACIFIC HALIBUT CATCH SHARING PLAN AND REGULATIONS  
FOR AREA 2A

NMFS is proposing some changes to the 2009 Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) and regulations. The proposed changes are as follows:

- 1) In section 330.61 add Nooksack to the definition of "Treaty Indian tribes".
- 2) Add the Nooksack tribes fishing area boundaries to the table in section 300.64 (i), which defines the boundaries of each tribe's fishing area. Text will read as follows: Those locations in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound as determined in or in accordance with Final Decision No. 1 and subsequent orders in *United States v. Washington*, 384 F. Supp. 312 (W.D. Wash. 1974), and particularly at 459 F. Supp. 1049, to be places at which the Nooksack Tribe may fish under rights secured by treaties with the United States".
- 3) Add Westport YRCA, to areas prohibited to recreational halibut fishing in 300.63 (h) and in section (f)(1)(iii) of the CSP, Washington south coast subarea, recreational fishing for groundfish and halibut will be prohibited in this area. This area is being added thought the 2009-2010 Groundfish Specifications and Management Measures.