

## 2010 PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERY REGULATIONS

Under its standard process, the Council solicits proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP; Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1) at its September meeting and adopts any changes in November after reviewing public and agency comments. Generally, changes are limited to adjustments in the annual regulations and minor modifications to the CSP. The National Marine Fisheries Service has prepared an inseason update on 2009 halibut catch in Area 2A with the assistance of state and tribal managers to provide perspective on the performance of the current CSP (Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report).

For the 2010 season, the Council is considering changes to the management of recreational fisheries in Washington and Oregon. The proposed changes resulted from recommendations provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) after holding public meetings, and from Council discussion and public testimony received at the September 2009 Council meeting.

The Council solicited public input on the changes on its website and in the Council Newsletter article from October 2009 (Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 2). WDFW and ODFW also solicited public input, including public hearings by WDFW, and subsequently prepared agency recommendations for regulatory changes in 2010 (Agenda Item C.1.b, ODFW Report and Agenda Item C.1.b, Supplemental WDFW Report).

Based on the input received since the September 2009 Council meeting, the states, National Marine Fisheries Service, and tribes will present their final proposals for regulatory changes in the halibut fishery at this meeting.

### **Council Action:**

**Within the scope of the September 2009 proposals (Attachment 2) and public input, adopt Council recommendations for implementing proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and annual regulations for 2010.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 1: 2009 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan For Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item C.1.a, Attachment 2: Fall 2009 Newsletter Excerpt.
3. Agenda Item C.1.b, NMFS Report.
4. Agenda Item C.1.b, ODFW Report.
5. Agenda Item C.1.b, Supplemental WDFW Report.

### **Agenda Order:**

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Changes to the 2010 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishery Regulations.

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