

2011 PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERY REGULATIONS

Each September meeting, the Council considers proposed changes to the halibut regulations. The purpose of this consideration is for adjustments in the annual regulations (primarily in the recreational fishery) or the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for Area 2A (Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 1), and can include changes in catch allocation among areas or gear groups.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) held a public meeting on August 16, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) held a public meeting on August 17 to solicit proposed changes to the CSP and to present staff proposals for public comment. Recommendations resulting from the ODFW meeting will be presented for review at the September Council meeting (Agenda Item D.1.b, ODFW Report). There were no recommendations following the WDFW meeting.

The Council will take final action on proposed changes for 2011 Area 2A halibut fisheries at the November 2010 Council meeting.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt, for public review, any proposed changes to season structure and the Catch Sharing Plan for 2011.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.1.a, Attachment 1: 2010 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item D.1.b, ODFW Report: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2011 Fishery.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Adopt For Public Review Proposed Changes to the 2011 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishery Regulations
- Chuck Tracy**

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