

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON
2014 PACIFIC HALIBUT REGULATIONS

WDFW recommends the following modifications to Agenda Item D.2.b WDFW Report on proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the Columbia River Subarea be considered for public review.

3. Revise the bottomfish restrictions in this subarea such that lingcod retention would be allowed when halibut are onboard.
 - a. Allow lingcod retention when halibut are on board on Thursday s through Sundays from the first Thursday in May until the first Thursday in August or, until 80 percent of the subarea allocation is taken whichever occurs first, in the area seaward of 30 fathoms.
 - b. Allow lingcod retention when halibut are on board seven days per week in the area shoreward of 30 fathoms.
 - c. Allow lingcod retention throughout the entire halibut season.

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