

2014 PACIFIC HALIBUT REGULATIONS

Under its standard process, the Council solicits proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1) at its September meeting and adopts any changes in November after reviewing public and agency comments.

For the 2014 season, the Council is considering changes to the management of recreational fisheries in Washington, Oregon, and California. The proposed changes resulted from recommendations provided by the Washington, Oregon, and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW and ODFW, respectively) after holding public meetings and from Council discussion and public testimony received at the September 2013 Council meeting.

The Council solicited public input on the changes in the Council Newsletter article from September 2013 and on a website blog (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2). The current and proposed changes to the 2014 CSP allocations are also provided in a diagram to facilitate the discussions (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 3). ODFW and WDFW solicited input at public hearings and subsequently prepared agency recommendations for regulatory changes in 2013 (Agenda Item G.1.b, ODFW Report and Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental WDFW Report). Public comments received by the advance briefing book deadline are also included in the reference materials.

Based on the input received since the September 2013 Council meeting, the Council is scheduled to take final action on regulatory changes in the Pacific halibut fishery at this meeting.

Council Action:

- 1. Within the scope of the September 2013 proposals (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2 and Agenda Item G.1.b, Attachment 3) and public input, adopt Council recommendations for implementing proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and annual regulations for 2014.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: 2013 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan For Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2: Council Blog Excerpt.
3. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 3: Current and Proposed Changes to the 2014 Catch Sharing Plan Allocations.
4. Agenda Item G.1.b, ODFW Report: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2014 Fishery.
5. Agenda Item G.1.b, Supplemental WDFW Report: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2014 Fishery.
6. Agenda Item G.1.c, Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Kelly Ames
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Changes to the 2014 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishery Regulations

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