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From: **Jeff E** <[jeffsk7@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsk7@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, Oct 13, 2013 at 4:49 PM  
Subject: Halibut change at Neah Bay and La Push  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

October 10, 2013

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384  
Re: Halibut. Agenda Item G.1.c

Dear Ms. Lowman:

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Sincerely yours,  
Jeff Goodwin

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From: <[powderhound86@gmail.com](mailto:powderhound86@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 12:57 PM  
Subject: Neah bay  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Ms. Dorothy Lowman,  
I'm writing to voice my concern with the halibut fishery in Neah bay. I plan on staying at a rental house for two weeks to attend this fishery with my cousin and uncle. I don't run a big boat and have to pick my days according to weather. Safety is our main concern and the less days fishing means less opportunity for us to fish. If the fishery shortens our season we will be forced to head to Vancouver Island. If everyone did this it would truly hurt the region's economy. Please let the season stand as is.

Sincerely,

Justin Williams

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From: **Davis, Christian** <[christian.davis@emc.com](mailto:christian.davis@emc.com)>

Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2013 at 8:58 AM

Subject: Halibut, Agenda Item G.1.c

To: "[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)" <[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)>

Attn: Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair

October 14, 2013

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair

Pacific Fisheries Management Council

7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101

Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Re: Halibut. Agenda Item G.1.c

Dear Ms. Lowman:

It has come to my attention via the Puget Sound Anglers that you are considering a change to the Halibut season at La Push. Please DO NOT reduce this to a 1 day per week fishery.

For the last 6 years, I have traveled to La Push with 3 other anglers in pursuit of halibut, ling cod and rockfish. We stay at the Oceanside Resort, eat at restaurants in Forks, buy gas from local stations, pay launch and marina fees. Our total for a 4 day trip is approx. \$1200. Frankly, that's a lot to pay for a couple halibut, but we enjoy the experience.

We carefully monitor the weather and often forgo a day of halibut fishing to avoid dangerous conditions. Since we are there for several days, we can get at least 1 day offshore to catch halibut. If the season is reduced to 1 day, we will have some difficult decisions to make – perhaps we will cancel the trip, perhaps we will risk a trip in dangerous conditions rather than forgo the opportunity to catch a halibut.

Please keep the season status quo.

Thanks for your consideration.

Chris Davis

[\(425\) 830-0993](tel:(425)830-0993)

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From: **Jim Fahey** <faheyje@comcast.net>  
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 11:27 AM  
Subject: Halibut, Agenda Item G.1.c  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Dear Ms. Lowman & Pacific Fisheries Management Council Members,

I have reviewed the recommendation/opinion of the Puget Sound Anglers – State Board (submitted by Ron Garner) regarding the Halibut management decision. On every aspect, I find myself in complete agreement.

As a skipper and father of 3, I am very familiar with and respectful of the marginal weather conditions on our coast fisheries and the decisions every skipper must make for the safety of his or her family and crew. This reminds me of the single-day Spot Shrimp fisheries we have for inner Puget Sound in May. The weather often does not cooperate and we see so many people make poor decisions when they are ill-equipped for the weather.

We had one such tragic accident in recent years as a result, and I know of many similar incidents in La Push and other ports:

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/121437209.html>

I am hopeful the PFMC will maintain the status quo for this area to prevent folks from being forced to make tough decisions in this fishery, or avoiding it altogether. We must continue to preserve and promote the highest, best, (and wisest) use of our natural resources.

Thank you!

Jim Fahey  
613 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N  
Edmonds, WA 98020

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From: <[blu9222158@aol.com](mailto:blu9222158@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 10:28 AM  
Subject: Halibut fishery  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Ms Lowman,

Ditto below. Your going to kill people, and further destroy small struggling economies. You can find the real problem by following the money trail. Not the one that supports 1,000's of local business and small towns.

Bruce Ludwig

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From: **Mike** <[blackelk@centurytel.net](mailto:blackelk@centurytel.net)>  
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 4:11 PM  
Subject: Halibut agenda  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Attn: Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair  
Agenda: Halibut, Agenda Item G.1.c

I agree 100% with Ron Garner and everything he stated in this.

Mike Hume  
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From: **John Sheehan** <[sheehanjohn@comcast.net](mailto:sheehanjohn@comcast.net)>  
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 3:24 PM  
Subject: Halibut 1 Day fishery policy  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Hello Dorothy,

Please mark me down for agreeing with Ron on the problems in changing of this fishery. It would put lives in danger due to the 1 Day window. If I am correct this was also a policy years/decades back for the Alaskan commercial fishery. The fishery was only open 1-2 days and boats would imperil themselves trying to get their allotments. It's just not worth the dangers people would/could subject themselves to. That policy was changed to an overall yearly take which allowed boaters to fish under safer conditions.

Thanks you,

John Sheehan

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From: **Steven Perkins** <[sstevep@gmail.com](mailto:sstevep@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 3:03 PM  
Subject: Attn: Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair Agenda: Halibut, Agenda Item G.1.c  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Ms. Lowman,

I fully support and agree with all of Ron Garners comments in his letter below. Please consider these comments when determining any future changes to our sport fishing seasons.

Regards,

Steve Perkins  
Sport fisherman from Tacoma, WA

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From: **McDowell, Brian (HAL)** <[BMcDowell@hollandamerica.com](mailto:BMcDowell@hollandamerica.com)>  
Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 4:39 PM  
Subject: Halibut change at Neah Bay and La Push  
To: "[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)" <[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)>

Ms Dorothy Lowman, I just wanted to take a moment and say I support Ron's comments below. As a captain that is responsible for 3-4 other souls on my boat during the halibut season changing the season to 1 day will either force me to take chances with marginal weather or just flat out stop fishing Halibut since it costs too much to haul my boat over to Lapush or Neah Bay for a 1 day fishery only to have a chance the weather won't let me fish.

Thanks for your consideration  
Brian McDowell  
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Brier, Wa 98036  
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From: **Aaron Thom** <[AThom@anicainc.com](mailto:AThom@anicainc.com)>  
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 1:47 PM  
Subject: response to purposed Halibut change at Neah Bay and La Push  
To: "[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)" <[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)>

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384  
Re: Halibut. Agenda Item G.1.c

I 100% agree with Ron Garner's comments below. Please consider them in the decision making process.

Thank you,  
Aaron Thom  
Sports Fisherman

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From: **Tim Tucker** <timt72@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2013 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Halibut, Agenda Item G.1.c

To: "[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)" <[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)>

Greeting Ms Lowman,

I am forwarding an extremely well written correspondence that accurately describes my response to the proposed rule changes. I do not believe I could do a better job to articulate my response to the proposed rule changes.

I am proud to say I am member of both Puget Sound Anglers and BloodyDecks both of which are referenced in Mr. Garner's letter dated October 7th, 2013.

Endorsing the above forwarded message from Ron Garner (President of Puget Sound Anglers)

Tim Tucker



October 7, 2013

Ms. Dorothy Lowman, Chair  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council  
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101  
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Sincerely yours,  
Ron Garner  
President  
Puget Sound Anglers State Board

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From: **Walter J. Wojcik** <[wojcikw@comcast.net](mailto:wojcikw@comcast.net)>

Date: Sat, Oct 12, 2013 at 10:59 AM

Subject: Halibut. Agenda Item G.1.c

To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

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Dear Ms. Lowman:

As a sport fisherman that regularly fish for halibut during the regular 3 day a week season I am adamantly opposed to the reduction of days of the week for the Washington North Coast Halibut Fishery for 2014. This proposal effectively eliminates my ability to fish ocean halibut. Ocean weather in May unpredictable and is the largest factor for eliminating this proposal. Bad weather is very dangerous. The fishery is 30-40 miles offshore and weather dependent. Marginal weather places the lives of fishermen in jeopardy during the trip to the fishing grounds. Anything can happen in the amount of time for the trip out, catch your halibut, and travel back. Below are reasons to keep status quo for two days of the week for the 2014 season.

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I recommend that you stay with status quo for the two days a week.

Cordially,  
Walter J. Wojcik  
Bothell, WA

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From: **kevin lanier** <kclanier@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 3:54 PM  
Subject: Halibut. Agenda Item G.1.c  
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Kevin Lanier  
Vice President  
Puget Sound Anglers State Board

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From: **Dave Reese** <[piscado@hotmail.com](mailto:piscado@hotmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 12:18 PM

Subject: Proposed halibut changes

To: "[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)" <[pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)>

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Cory Rose

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From: **jeff redburn** <[jpredburn21@gmail.com](mailto:jpredburn21@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 11:07 AM  
Subject: Response to proposal of on day a week Halibut after week one  
To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

Please reconsider this change. It will cause stupid decisions and negatively affect the local economy. Neah Bay and La Push are far too far to travel for anyone for one day of fishing. Weather is inconsistent that time of year. Please reconsider.

Thank you.

Jeff Redburn  
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Seattle, Wa  
98117  
206-954-6800

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From: **dave gudgell** <[boatdriverdgc@yahoo.com](mailto:boatdriverdgc@yahoo.com)>

Date: Sat, Oct 19, 2013 at 10:09 PM

Subject: columbia river halibut and ling cod

To: [pfmc.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:pfmc.comments@noaa.gov)

We here on the Columbia river would like to strongly endorse all halibut and ling cod changes that have been proposed for this area during our halibut fisheries. We would also like to endorse the retention of halibut as an incidental while fishing ground fish. Thank you for your consideration. David Gudgell captain m/v Westwind Pacific Salmon Charters

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October 11, 2013

International Pacific Halibut Commission  
2320 W. Commodore Way Suite 300  
Seattle WA 98199-1287

Dear International Pacific Halibut Commissioners

The Noyo Harbor District Commission is writing this letter to express support for the proposal to create a separate zone for California's recreational halibut fishery.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Armitage", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Armitage  
Noyo Harbor District  
Commission Chairman