

# Ilwaco Charter Association

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To: PFMC  
From: Ilwaco Charter Association  
Re: September PFMC / Halibut Agenda Item K.1.b

We support the WDFW proposals for the Columbia River recreational halibut fishery as shown in Agenda Item K.1.b "WDFW Report".

With regard to the ODFW proposals for the Columbia River recreational halibut fishery, Agenda Item K.1.b "ODFW Report", we can support the no action and Alternative 1 alternatives. We believe that Alternative 2 has the potential to severely impact our fishery. We would also note that although in excess of 65% of the CR halibut landings are in Washington ports, there are a substantial amount of Oregon anglers that fish out of Washington ports due to their closer proximity to the halibut grounds. We believe that should be considered prior to making a major shift in allocation.

Finally, we are opposed to allocating a major amount of halibut to the new California sub-area. Every fishery in Area 2A is experiencing far fewer fishing days than currently being allowed in Northern California. Allocating a large share to this area, particularly when California doesn't monitor in a timely fashion in-season, is both unworkable and unfair.

Respectfully yours,

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