WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
REVISED PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2003 HALIBUT CATCH SHARING PLAN

(f) SPORT FISHERIES

(1)(ii) Washington north coast subarea.

....The ~~structuring~~ **management** objective for this subarea is to **provide a quality recreational** ~~maximize the season length for viable~~ fishing opportunity **during May and the latter part of June**. ~~and, if possible, stagger the seasons to spread out this opportunity to anglers who utilize these remote grounds~~. **To meet this objective, the north coast subarea quota will be allocated as follows: 72% for the month of May and 28% for the latter part of June.** The fishery **will** open on May 1, and continue 5 days per week (Tuesday through Saturday) **until the May allocation is projected to be taken. The fishery will then reopen on the third Wednesday in June and continue until the remaining quota is projected to be taken, 5 days per week (Tuesday through Saturday).**...~~The highest priority is for the season to last through the month of May. If sufficient quota remains, the second priority is to establish a fishery that will be open July 1, through at least July 4. If the preseason prediction indicates that these two goals can be met without using the quota for this subarea, then the next priority is to extend the fishery into June and continue for 5 days per week (Tuesday through Saturday) for as long a period as possible~~. ~~A closure to sport fishing for halibut will be established in an area that is approximately 19.5 nm (36.1 km) southwest of Cape Flattery. The size of this closed area may be modified preseason by NMFS to maximize the season length. The closed area is defined as the area within a rectangle defined by these four corners:~~ **A "C-shaped" yelloweye rockfish conservation area which is closed to recreational groundfish and halibut fishing is described by the following coordinates:**

48°18'00"	**125°18'00"**
48°18'00"	**124°59'00"**
48°11'00"	**125°11'00"**
48°11'00"	**124°59'00"**
48°04'00"	**125°11'00"**
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