

**Subject:** [Fwd: Halibut Limit]  
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SUBJECT: Annual Limit on Halibut:

I would like to express my opposition to WDFW's proposal to instituting a yearly limit on Halibut.

In talking to people who are familiar with the Sturgeon annul limit, it has not accomplished all what WDFW were after. If installed I am sure the Halibut catch record card data will not tell what was really caught. This may also create user group conflict.

It seems to me the two areas of concern are the Columbia Rivera Area, Oregon and Washington and the Canadian Area, Neha Bay Washington, And I don't believe this will solve this problem.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.  
Sincerely,

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Pacific Fishery Management Council

**Subject:** [Fwd: Proposed Changes to 2A halibut catch sharing plan]  
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**Subject:** Proposed Changes to 2A halibut catch sharing plan  
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Hello

My name is Ray Hartlerode, I reside at 692 Fanny Court NE, Salem Oregon 97301

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on some of the Proposed Changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Sharing Plan

For many years I have towed my boat to Neah Bay to participate in the May Halibut fishery. It has become a tradition that I look forward to every year. It is the main reason that a few years ago I invested in a new Arima. I realize the challenges in managing a fishery such as this, but I think that these changes are too drastic of a change and are being use to squeeze recreational fishers with their own boats out of the fishery in favor of the Charter Boat Operators.

I support the change to an annual bag limit of five halibut. I would support the change from five fishing days per week to three days, but I strongly oppose the staggered days.

As you know, the Neah Bay fishery is primarily used by sports fishermen from outside the local area. It is not the easiest place to get to. Also, the ability to fish from small boats is highly weather dependent. With your proposal of staggered days it would be very possible to spend \$1000 for fuel, licenses, bait, camping, and moorage only to be weathered out on the open days and sitting on shore on the closed days when the weather may be good.

I request that you implement the annual 5 fish limit, reduce the number of open days per week, but do not stagger those days. If this does not provide the desired affect then you could move to the more drastic rule of staggered days in the future.

Thank you,

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