

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CATCH SHARING PLAN
AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS

Under its standard process, the Council solicits proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan at its September meeting and adopts any changes in November after reviewing public and agency comments. Generally, changes are limited to adjustments in the annual regulations and minor modifications to the Catch Sharing Plan. Attachment 1 is a copy of the 2005 Catch Sharing Plan.

For the 2006 season, the Council is considering changes to the management of recreational fisheries in Washington and Oregon. The proposed changes resulted from recommendations provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, after holding public meetings, and from Council discussion and public testimony received at the September 2005 Council meeting. The Council solicited public input on the changes on its website and in the Council News Brief article from October 2005 (Attachment 2).

Based on the input received since the September Council meeting, the states and tribes will present their final proposals for regulatory changes in the halibut fishery at this meeting.

Council Action:

Within the scope of the September proposals (Attachment 2) and public input; adopt Council recommendations for implementing proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for 2006.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 1: 2005 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item E.1.a, Attachment 2: Council News Brief Article on Proposed Changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan.
3. Agenda Item E.1.e, Public comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. State Proposals
- c. Tribal Comments
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Adopt Proposed Changes for 2006

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