

FINAL 2017 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATION CHANGES

As described in Council Operating Procedure 9, the Council solicits proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A (CSP) (Agenda Item E.1, Attachments 1 and 2) and annual fishery regulations at its September meeting. At the November meeting, the Council is scheduled to take final action, after reviewing public and agency comments.

At the September meeting, the Council adopted for public review proposed changes to the Washington and Oregon recreational fisheries that are described in the reports provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW; [Agenda Item I.1.a, Supplemental WDFW Report, September, 2016](#)) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW; [Agenda Item I.1.a, ODFW Report, September, 2016](#)). No changes were proposed for the Southern Oregon or California recreational fisheries, or any commercial fisheries.

WDFW and ODFW solicited public input on the proposed changes and subsequently prepared agency recommendations for Council consideration (Agenda Item E.1.a, WDFW Report and Agenda Item E.1.a, ODFW Report). Further, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has provided information on catch to date of Pacific halibut in 2016 (Agenda Item E.1.a, NMFS Report). The Council should consider the available information, as well as any advisory body and public comment, and adopt the final 2017 CSP and annual fishery regulations.

Council Action:

1. Adopt final changes to the 2017 Pacific halibut CSP, as necessary.
2. Adopt final changes to the 2017 annual fishery regulations, as necessary.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1: 2016 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2016 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut.
3. Agenda Item E.1.a, WDFW Report: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and 2017 Annual Regulations.
4. Agenda Item E.1.a, ODFW Report: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Report on Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2017 Fishery.
5. Agenda Item E.1.a, NMFS Report: Report on the 2016 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A.

Agenda Order:

- E.1 Final 2017 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final Changes for the 2017 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Fishery Regulations

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