

# Potential Changes for the Non-Treaty Directed Commercial Pacific Halibut Fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A

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# Purpose

IPHC seeks PFMC input regarding longer fishing periods and alternative management for the non-treaty directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A



# Background

- [IPHC letter](#) to PFMC recommending moving away from derby fishery (May 2017)
  - Increase safety
  - Reduce regulatory discards
  - Increase flexibility for fishers and processors



# PFMC Meetings June-Nov 2017

- Discussion of various management options in GAP and on Council floor
  - [IPHC report](#) on sample fishing period limit options for longer fishing periods (Sept 2017)
  - [Scoping exercise](#) led by Council staff (Nov 2017)
- Result: no recommendations made for change in management of the fishery for the 2018 season
  - Conversation to continue



# Continuing the conversation in 2018

- IPHC letters to PFMC ([May 2018](#) and [Aug 2018](#))
  - Expectation of IPHC regulatory proposal for longer fishing periods in 2019
  - 5-day or 10-day options
    - Within IPHC mandate and independent of PFMC Catch Sharing Plan
    - Would require lower fishing period limits (vessel limits)
    - Other management measures would remain in place

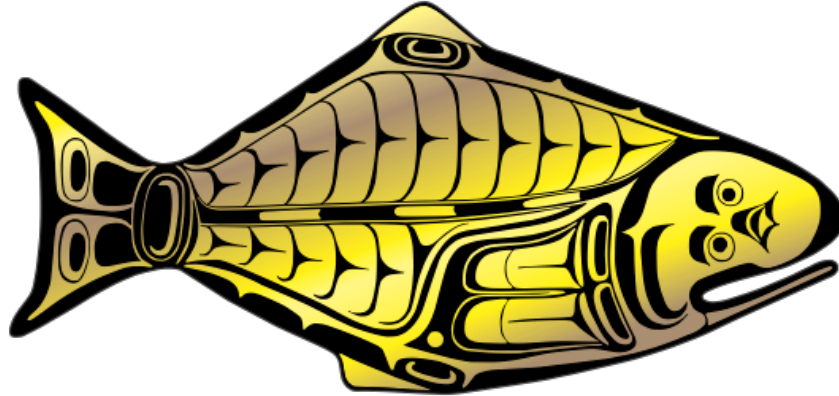


# Looking toward 2019

- IPHC desires input from stakeholders before making change
- Feedback and recommendations from PFMC welcome
  - IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) in late Nov 2018
  - IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095) in Jan 2019



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