

## **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT ON 2019 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS**

### **Changes to CA Recreational Season Structure**

As part of the routine preliminary changes to the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for 2019, CDFW is not proposing any changes to the current language. Following the determination of the 2019 Area 2A Total Allowable Catch and subsequent California quota amount, CDFW is expecting to conduct outreach with constituents in early February 2019 to discuss open fishing season dates for the 2019 California recreational season. Based on this input, CDFW will formulate a recommendation to National Marine Fisheries Service on the preferred 2019 season dates for inclusion in the Federal rule. CDFW encourages all interested parties to continue providing feedback on the 2018 season structure to help inform decision making for the 2019 season.

### **Update on 2018 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in California**

The sport Pacific halibut fishery in California is ongoing and catches are still accumulating. Through August 15, projected catches in this fishery are 23,781 net pounds, or approximately 77 percent of the 30,940 net pound quota. CDFW will provide updated cumulative catch estimates in November, when additional information is available.