

## 2019 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9 anticipates that at each September meeting, the Council considers proposed changes to the Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) and annual regulations for Area 2A (Agenda Item J.1, Attachments 1 and 2). The proposed changes are most often related to recreational season structures (e.g., opening dates, days per week, early season/late season ratios, and port/area sharing) as well as minor allocation changes among areas or gear groups. Excerpts from the ‘Pacific halibut management scoping exercise’ submitted by Council staff in [November 2017](#) is also provided for reference (Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 3), as the Council continues the discussion on the non-Indian directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery structure.

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) continues to work with the Council and stakeholders to develop an alternative structure of the non-treaty directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery, which is summarized in a report (Agenda Item J.1.a, IPHC Report 1).

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) also provided a report on the progress to date of the 2018 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A (Agenda Item J.1.b, NMFS Report 1).

The Council is scheduled to adopt for public review proposed changes to the current CSP for 2019, and to the 2019 annual fishery regulations under this agenda item. Final action for establishing the 2019 Pacific halibut fisheries is scheduled for the November 2018 Council meeting.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt for public review proposed changes to the current Pacific halibut CSP for 2019, and 2019 annual fishery regulations, as necessary.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 1: 2018 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2018 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut.
3. Agenda Item J.1, Attachment 3: Excerpts from the ‘Pacific Halibut Management-Scoping Exercise.’
4. Agenda Item J.1.a, IPHC Report 1: IPHC Regulatory Area 2A Non-Treaty Directed Commercial Pacific Halibut Fishery.
5. Agenda Item J.1.b, NMFS Report 1: Report on the 2018 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A.

### **Agenda Order:**

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| J.1 | 2019 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations                     | Robin Ehlke |
|     | a. Report of the International Pacific Halibut Commission          | Steve Keith |
|     | b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies |             |
|     | c. Public Comment  |             |

- d. **Council Action:** Adopt for Public Review Proposed 2019 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes

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