COMMERCIAL-DIRECTED FISHERY REGULATIONS FOR 2021

The Area 2A Non-Indian Commercial-Directed Pacific Halibut Fishery (directed fishery) structure has been a topic of discussion between the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) over the past few years. At the June 2019 Council meeting, the Council decided to move forward with the transition of management authority from IPHC to the Council for this fishery.

As part of the transition plan, the Council agreed to utilize the Council's September/November Catch Sharing Plan revision process to solicit stakeholder input and consider regulations for the directed fishery within the existing season structure for the upcoming year.

It is anticipated that after the November 2020 Council meeting, the Council-recommended season structure for 2021 will be forwarded to IPHC for consideration during their interim and annual meetings in November and January, respectively.

Council Action:

Adopt Proposed 2021 Regulations Changes for Public Review.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item I.3.a, ODFW Report 1: ODFW Report on 2021 the Directed Commercial Halibut Fishery Recommendations.
- 2. Agenda Item I.3.a, ODFW Report 2: ODFW Report on 2021 the Directed Commercial Halibut Fishery Recommendations.
- 3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

I.3 Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2021

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. Council Action: Adopt Proposed 2021 Regulations Changes for Public Review

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