

Agenda Item I.2 Transition of Area 2A Fishery Management

Council Action:

Adopt preliminary preferred alternatives.

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I.2 WDFW Motion – Transfer of Management Responsibilities Moved by Heather Hall;
2nd by Maggie Sommer

I move that the Council adopt the following as preliminary preferred alternatives for the transition of the directed halibut fishery from the International Pacific Halibut Commission to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Pacific Fishery Management Council as described in Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1, September 2020:

4.1.2 Alternative 2: Consider the directed fishery framework during the CSP process in September and November; including any guidance for vessel limits and inseason changes for NMFS implementation.

4.2.1 Alternative 2: Issue permits for all Area 2A halibut fisheries including commercial directed, incidental salmon troll, incidental sablefish, and recreational charter halibut fisheries.

4.2.2 Alternative 2: Allow NMFS to determine the appropriate application deadlines for all commercial halibut applications, set to coincide with Council meetings and NMFS processing time.

4.2.5 Alternative 1: Status quo (revised). Require proof of permit to be onboard fishing vessel and made readily available upon request, regardless of the type of permit (e.g., paper or electronic). NMFS to provide access to permit in a printable format or send paper copy directly to participant.

Motion carried unan.

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