

Agenda Item E.3 Non-Indian Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations for 2021

Council Action:

Adopt Final Recommendations to the International Pacific Halibut Commission for 2021 Directed Fishery Season Structure.

DRAFT-NOT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

I move that the Council recommend that IPHC require participants in the Area 2A directed commercial fishery record on the IPHC fishery logbook the number of yelloweye rockfish caught and discarded on a haul or trip. The Council shall also request that IPHC share that information with NMFS each year prior to the start of each November PFMC meeting.

Recognizing there are existing inseason processes and numerous coordination activities already undertaken by NMFS, IPHC, Tribes and the states to track halibut catch inseason against the respective 2A fishery quotas, I also move the Council direct NMFS to provide information on yelloweye bycatch witnessed by observers in the directed commercial halibut fishery to collaborating 2A agencies inseason, following each directed commercial fishery period opener. Also, direct NMFS to include this information in its report on fishery progress that is supplied to the Council each September.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Second by Bob Dooley

Motion withdrawn not voted on.

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WDFW Motion #1: Area 2A Non-Tribal Directed Commercial Halibut Fishery

I move that the Council recommend to the IPHC a season structure for the Area 2A non-tribal directed halibut fishery in 2021 that includes a 58-hour fishing period which begins at 8:00 AM on the fourth Tuesday in June and ends at 6:00 PM on the subsequent Thursday. If the fishery limit has not been exceeded, the IPHC may announce a second fishing period of up to three fishing days to begin on Tuesday two weeks after the first period, and, if necessary, a third fishing period of up to three fishing days to begin on Tuesday four weeks after the first period. Fishing period openings will continue in this manner until the fishery limit for the Area 2A non-treaty directed commercial fishery is taken or November 15, whichever comes first.

Moved by Heather Hall

Second by Phil Anderson

Motion passed unan.

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