

## 2022 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9 anticipates that at each September meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) considers proposed changes to the Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) and annual regulations for Area 2A (Agenda Item G.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.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has provided a report on the progress to date of the 2021 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A (Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1). It is anticipated that Departments of Fish and Wildlife for Washington, Oregon, and California will each provide updates on fishery status for 2021, and supplemental reports for proposed changes for 2022, as needed.

Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to adopt for public review proposed changes to the current CSP and the annual fishery regulations for 2022. Final action for establishing the 2022 Pacific halibut fisheries is scheduled for the November 2021 Council meeting.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt for public review proposed changes to the current Pacific halibut CSP for 2022, and the annual fishery regulations for 2022, as necessary.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: 2021 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2021 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut.
3. Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Report on the 2021 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

- G.1 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Proposed 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes for Public Review