

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT
ON PACIFIC HALIBUT 2022 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the material associated with Agenda Item G.1, Pacific Halibut 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations, and have the following comments:

Supplemental Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Report 1

The EC has reviewed Supplemental ODFW Report 1 and noted there were several potential changes to the 2022 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations for consideration.

- Allow Groundfish Retention on All All-Depth Dates in the Central Oregon Coast and Columbia River Subareas

The EC appreciates ODFW exploring Alternative 1 which would bring the states of Washington and Oregon closer to having consistent regulations within the Columbia River Subarea throughout the year.

- Central Oregon Coast All-Depth Open Days and Daily Bag Limit

The EC has no preference between the available options. The EC would just like to highlight the variety of wildlife enforcement priorities that occur in the fall after Labor Day that may reduce focused enforcement effort towards this fishery.

- Halibut Tag Concept, Similar to Big Game Tags

The EC looks forward to working with ODFW to explore this option further and will address enforcement concerns as it progresses.