

2023 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 (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.

Under this agenda item, the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife have each submitted a report that outlines options for potential changes to the CSP for recreational fisheries. It is anticipated that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide an update on fishery status for 2022, and proposed changes for 2023, as needed. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is also expected to provide a report on the progress to date of the 2022 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A.

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 2023. Final action for establishing the 2023 Pacific halibut fisheries is scheduled for the November 2022 Council meeting.

Council Action:

Adopt for public review proposed changes to the current Pacific halibut CSP for 2023, and the annual fishery regulations for 2023, as necessary.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1: 2022 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2022 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut.
3. Agenda Item E.1.a, ODFW Report 1: Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2023 Fishery.
4. Agenda Item E.1.a, WDFW Report 1: Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and 2023 Annual Regulations.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- E.1 2023 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 2023 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes for Public Review