

2023 COMMERCIAL-DIRECTED FISHERY REGULATIONS – FINAL ACTION

The transfer of management responsibilities for the Area 2A non-tribal commercial-directed Pacific Halibut fishery (Directed Fishery) from International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) to Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is in its final stages and expected to complete by 2023. As part of the transfer, it was agreed to utilize the September/November Catch Sharing Plan revision process to solicit stakeholder input and consider regulations for the upcoming year. Collaboration with IPHC has been a vital part of the success of the transfer, and their continued support will be essential as the management agencies navigate the management process into the future.

At the September 2022 meeting, the Council adopted for public review a status quo season structure for 2023 described as:

A series of three-day openings, beginning at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday in June and ending at 6 p.m. on the Thursday of that week. Additional three-day openings would occur every other week, Tuesday through Thursday, until the directed fishery allocation is obtained.

Once adopted, the Council-recommended season structure for 2023 will be forwarded to NMFS for consideration.

Council Action:

Adopt Final 2023 Commercial Directed Fishery Regulations for NMFS Implementation.

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- E.2 2023 Commercial-Directed Fishery Regulations – Final Action Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2023 Non-Tribal Commercial Directed Halibut Fishery Regulations for NMFS Implementation