

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT ON 2023 PACIFIC HALIBUT
 REGULATORY ACTIVITIES IN AREA 2A

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| August 8, 2023 | Recreational | Temporary Rule | The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced closure of the California subarea, effective August 4, 2023 (88 FR 53383). |
| July 27, 2023 | Directed Commercial | Temporary Rule | NMFS announced an additional fishing period and fishing period limit for the non-tribal directed commercial fishery (88 FR 48388). |
| July 21, 2023 | Recreational | Temporary Rule | NMFS announced additional fishing dates in certain Washington and Oregon subareas (88 FR 47055). |
| June 26, 2023 | Directed Commercial | Final Rule | NMFS implemented harvest specifications and management measures for the non-tribal directed commercial fishery (88 FR 41334). |
| June 6, 2023 | Recreational | Temporary Rule | NMFS increased the bag limit in the Oregon subareas and added fishing dates to the Columbia River and Washington North Coast subarea (88 FR 36973). |
| April 14, 2023 | Directed Commercial | Proposed Rule | NMFS proposed harvest specifications and management measures for the 2023 non-tribal directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery (88 FR 22992). |
| April 11, 2023 | Recreational and CSP | Final Rule | NMFS implemented management measures for the recreational fisheries and implemented the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) (88 FR 21503 and 88 FR 30907). |
| March 7, 2023 | Alaska and West Coast | Final Rule | NMFS published regulations and catch limits recommended by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and approved by the Secretary of State (88 FR 14066). |
| March 3, 2023 | Recreational and CSP | Proposed Rule | NMFS proposed management measures for the recreational fisheries and implemented the CSP (88 FR 13399). |

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| December 5, 2022 | Commercial and Recreational Charter | Final Rule | NMFS implemented a permitting system for recreational charter and commercial fishing vessels and established a regulatory framework for the directed commercial fishery that allows NMFS to annually set fishing periods and fishing period limits. This rule codified the transition of management of the directed commercial fishery from IPHC to NMFS (87 FR 74322). |
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