

## PACIFIC HALIBUT CATCH SHARING PLAN: PROPOSED CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

*Assignment: Update and improve, where needed, the management objectives in the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for each sector or sub-area with a specific allocation*

The following identifies changes to the 2023 CSP in strike-out for existing language and underline for proposed language

### 1. INCIDENTAL HALIBUT CATCH IN THE SALMON TROLL FISHERY (Section 5.7.2 of the current CSP)

The primary management objective for this fishery is to ensure there is sufficient halibut to accommodate incidental retention during ~~harvest the subquota as an incidental catch during the~~ April-June in the salmon troll fishery. The secondary management objective is to accommodate ~~harvest the remaining troll quota as an incidental~~ retention ~~catch~~ during the remainder of the salmon troll fishery, or the regulatory closure of commercial halibut fisheries by IPHC, whichever comes first. These management objectives will be achieved through landing restrictions (see section 5.7.4).

The landing restrictions are meant to assure that the incidental harvest rate is appropriate for salmon and halibut availability, does not encourage target fishing on halibut, ensure an equitable sharing of the halibut landings among the fishers and does not increase the likelihood of exceeding the quota for this fishery.

### 2. INCIDENTAL HALIBUT CATCH IN THE PRIMARY DIRECTED SABLEFISH FISHERY

(Section 5.8, no management objective section included in current CSP)

The management objective is to accommodate incidental halibut harvest through the duration of the primary directed sablefish fishery season consistent with IPHC halibut fishery season provisions. This objective will be achieved through landing restrictions. (see section 5.8.3).

The landing restrictions are meant to assure that the incidental harvest rate is appropriate for sablefish and halibut availability, does not encourage target fishing on halibut, ensure an equitable sharing of the halibut landings among the fishers and does not increase the likelihood of exceeding the quota for this fishery.

### 3. COLUMBIA RIVER SUBAREA (Section 6.10.c of the current CSP)

This subarea ~~typically has~~ may include both an all-depth (primary) fishery and a nearshore fishery. The nearshore fishery is to allow incidental halibut retention on groundfish trips in the specific area described in section 6.10.a. The overall management objective is to maximize fishing opportunity while achieving but not exceeding the subarea allocation quota.

4. SOUTHERN OREGON SUBAREA

(Section 6.11.2.c of the current CSP)

Provide the opportunity to maximize fishing opportunity and to achieve but not exceed the ~~Southern Oregon~~ Subarea-subarea quota.

5. CALIFORNIA COAST

(Section 6.12.c of the current CSP)

Maximize fishing opportunity and achieve but not exceed the California sport quota. Flexibility through timely inseason action may be necessary to achieve but not exceed the Area 2A FCEY.

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