

## PACIFIC HALIBUT CATCH SHARING PLAN: PROPOSED CHANGES TO NON-TRIBAL SPORT ALLOCATIONS

### 1. Introduction

At their June 2023 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) discussed the [scoping report](#) on Pacific halibut (halibut) topics identified for potential change which included proposals to adjust the current halibut allocation structure for Area 2A sport fisheries in Washington (WA), Oregon (OR), and California (CA). At the September 2023 meeting, additional data was provided in a [report](#) along with input from the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) and public comment, which resulted in the Council adopting for public review options to adjust the allocation structure for the sport sector.

### 2. Current Allocation Distributions under the Catch Sharing Plan

The current allocation regime has been in place since 2015. Table 2.1 shows the Area 2A Fishery Constant Exploitable Yield (FCEY) allocation sharing, and the percentage available to each sport sector based on the current Catch Sharing Plan (CSP). The Area 2A FCEY, non-tribal share, and resulting pounds (net weight) of halibut available to sport fisheries based on the allocation schedule are provided in Table 2.2 for 2015-2023. Data for the WA sport fishery includes any allocation made available to the commercial sablefish fishery that operates north of Point Chehalis, WA. The calculation to determine the pounds of halibut to shift to the sablefish fishery is done after the halibut available to WA sport fishery is distributed.

Table 2.1. Current Area 2A Allocation Sharing.

Tribal	35.0%
Non-tribal	65.0%
OR sport	29.7%
WA sport	35.6%
CA sport	4.0%

Table 2.2. Area 2A FCEY, Non-tribal, and Sport Halibut Allocation (in net pounds).

	2A FCEY	Non-tribal	OR sport	WA sport <sup>a/</sup>	CA sport
<b>2015</b>	970,000	630,500	187,259	224,458	25,220
<b>2016</b>	1,140,000	741,000	220,077	263,796	29,640
<b>2017</b>	1,330,000	864,500	256,757	307,762	34,580
<b>2018</b>	1,190,000	773,500	229,730	275,366	30,940
<b>2019</b>	1,500,000	975,000	289,575	347,100	39,000
<b>2020</b>	1,500,000	975,000	289,575	347,100	39,000
<b>2021</b>	1,510,000	981,500	291,506	349,414	39,260
<b>2022</b>	1,490,000	968,500	287,645	344,786	38,740
<b>2023</b>	1,520,000	988,000	293,436	351,728	39,520
<i>Average</i>	<i>1,350,000</i>	<i>877,500</i>	<i>260,618</i>	<i>312,390</i>	<i>35,100</i>

a/ Initial calculation with any allowance for the commercial sablefish fishery included.

### 3. Range of Options

All options are based on the annual Area 2A non-tribal allocation.

Status quo – No action; current allocation remains unchanged.

Option 1: Move 2 percent of the OR sport allocation and 1 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation.

Option 2: Move 1 percent of the OR sport allocation and 0.5 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation.

Option 3: Move 0.6 percent of the OR sport allocation and 0.4 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation.

Table 3.1. Area 2A Current Allocation Sharing and Range of Options.

	<b>Current</b>	2% from OR 1% from WA	1% from OR 0.5% from WA	0.6% from OR 0.4% from WA
	<b>Status Quo</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>
Tribal	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Non-Tribal	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%
OR sport	29.7%	27.7%	28.7%	29.1%
WA sport	35.6%	34.6%	35.1%	35.2%
CA sport	4.0%	7.0%	5.5%	5.0%

### 4. Technical Data for Range of Options Analyzed

Tables 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 show the pounds of halibut available, and the difference from the actual (Table 2.2) pounds available under each option. Appendix 1 provides the same data but separated by each state, rather than by each option.

Option 1 decreases the sport allocations for OR and WA by 2 percent and 1 percent respectively and increases the sport allocation for CA by 3 percent. This would move around 20,000 lbs from OR and 10,000 lbs from WA to CA, based on the 2023 FCEY (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1. Option 1: Move 2 percent of the OR sport allocation and 1 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation.

Quota	27.7%	34.6%	7%	2% less	1% less	3% more
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>OR sport</b>	<b>WA sport</b>	<b>CA sport</b>	<b>OR sport</b>	<b>WA sport</b>	<b>CA sport</b>
<b>2015</b>	174,649	218,153	44,135	-12,610	-6,305	18,915
<b>2016</b>	205,257	256,386	51,870	-14,820	-7,410	22,230
<b>2017</b>	239,467	299,117	60,515	-17,290	-8,645	25,935
<b>2018</b>	214,260	267,631	54,145	-15,470	-7,735	23,205
<b>2019</b>	270,075	337,350	68,250	-19,500	-9,750	29,250
<b>2020</b>	270,075	337,350	68,250	-19,500	-9,750	29,250
<b>2021</b>	271,876	339,599	68,705	-19,630	-9,815	29,445
<b>2022</b>	268,275	335,101	67,795	-19,370	-9,685	29,055
<b>2023</b>	273,676	341,848	69,160	-19,760	-9,880	29,640
<b>Average</b>	<b>243,068</b>	<b>303,615</b>	<b>61,425</b>	<b>-17,550</b>	<b>-8,775</b>	<b>26,325</b>

Option 2 decreases the sport allocations for OR and WA by 1 percent and 0.5 percent respectively and increases the sport allocation for CA by 1.5 percent. This would move around 10,000 lbs from OR and 5,000 lbs from WA to CA, based on the 2023 FCEY (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2. Option 2: Move 1 percent of the OR sport allocation and 0.5 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation.

Quota	28.7%	35.1%	5.5%	1% less	0.5% less	1.5% more
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>OR sport</b>	<b>WA sport</b>	<b>CA sport</b>	<b>OR sport</b>	<b>WA sport</b>	<b>CA sport</b>
<b>2015</b>	180,954	221,306	34,678	-6,305	-3,153	9,458
<b>2016</b>	212,667	260,091	40,755	-7,410	-3,705	11,115
<b>2017</b>	248,112	303,440	47,548	-8,645	-4,323	12,968
<b>2018</b>	221,995	271,499	42,543	-7,735	-3,868	11,603
<b>2019</b>	279,825	342,225	53,625	-9,750	-4,875	14,625
<b>2020</b>	279,825	342,225	53,625	-9,750	-4,875	14,625
<b>2021</b>	281,691	344,507	53,983	-9,815	-4,908	14,723
<b>2022</b>	277,960	339,944	53,268	-9,685	-4,843	14,528
<b>2023</b>	283,556	346,788	54,340	-9,880	-4,940	14,820
<i>Average</i>	<i>251,843</i>	<i>308,003</i>	<i>48,263</i>	<i>-8,775</i>	<i>-4,388</i>	<i>13,163</i>

Option 3 decreases the sport allocations for OR and WA by 0.6 percent and 0.4 percent respectively and increases the sport allocation for CA by 1.0 percent. This would move around 6,000 lbs from OR and 4,000 lbs from WA to CA, based on the 2023 FCEY (Table 4.3).

Table 4.3. Option 3: Move 0.6 percent of the OR sport allocation and 0.4 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation.

Quota	29.1%	35.2%	5.0%	0.6% less	0.4% less	1% more
<b>Option 3</b>	<b>OR sport</b>	<b>WA sport</b>	<b>CA sport</b>	<b>OR sport</b>	<b>WA sport</b>	<b>CA sport</b>
<b>2015</b>	183,476	221,936	31,525	-3,783	-2,522	6,305
<b>2016</b>	215,631	260,832	37,050	-4,446	-2,964	7,410
<b>2017</b>	251,570	304,304	43,225	-5,187	-3,458	8,645
<b>2018</b>	225,089	272,272	38,675	-4,641	-3,094	7,735
<b>2019</b>	283,725	343,200	48,750	-5,850	-3,900	9,750
<b>2020</b>	283,725	343,200	48,750	-5,850	-3,900	9,750
<b>2021</b>	285,617	345,488	49,075	-5,889	-3,926	9,815
<b>2022</b>	281,834	340,912	48,425	-5,811	-3,874	9,685
<b>2023</b>	287,508	347,776	49,400	-5,928	-3,952	9,880
<i>Average</i>	<i>255,353</i>	<i>308,880</i>	<i>43,875</i>	<i>-5,265</i>	<i>-3,510</i>	<i>8,775</i>

## Appendix A

Table A.1. Oregon non-tribal halibut allocation (in pounds), summarized by option.

Quota	29.7%	27.7%	28.7%	29.1%	Change in allocation (rounded)		
	Status Quo	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>2015</b>	187,259	174,649	180,954	183,476	-12,600	-6,300	-3,800
<b>2016</b>	220,077	205,257	212,667	215,631	-14,800	-7,400	-4,400
<b>2017</b>	256,757	239,467	248,112	251,570	-17,300	-8,600	-5,200
<b>2018</b>	229,730	214,260	221,995	225,089	-15,500	-7,700	-4,600
<b>2019</b>	289,575	270,075	279,825	283,725	-19,500	-9,800	-5,900
<b>2020</b>	289,575	270,075	279,825	283,725	-19,500	-9,800	-5,900
<b>2021</b>	291,506	271,876	281,691	285,617	-19,600	-9,800	-5,900
<b>2022</b>	287,645	268,275	277,960	281,834	-19,400	-9,700	-5,800
<b>2023</b>	293,436	273,676	283,556	287,508	-19,800	-9,900	-5,900
<b>Average</b>	<i>260,618</i>	<i>243,068</i>	<i>251,843</i>	<i>255,353</i>	<i>-17,600</i>	<i>-8,800</i>	<i>-5,300</i>

Table A.2. Washington non-tribal halibut allocation (in pounds), summarized by option.

Quota	35.6%	34.6%	35.1%	35.2%	Change in allocation (rounded)		
	Status Quo	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>2015</b>	224,458	218,153	221,306	221,936	-6,300	-3,200	-2,500
<b>2016</b>	263,796	256,386	260,091	260,832	-7,400	-3,700	-3,000
<b>2017</b>	307,762	299,117	303,440	304,304	-8,600	-4,300	-3,500
<b>2018</b>	275,366	267,631	271,499	272,272	-7,700	-3,900	-3,100
<b>2019</b>	347,100	337,350	342,225	343,200	-9,800	-4,900	-3,900
<b>2020</b>	347,100	337,350	342,225	343,200	-9,800	-4,900	-3,900
<b>2021</b>	349,414	339,599	344,507	345,488	-9,800	-4,900	-3,900
<b>2022</b>	344,786	335,101	339,944	340,912	-9,700	-4,800	-3,900
<b>2023</b>	351,728	341,848	346,788	347,776	-9,900	-4,900	-4,000
<b>Average</b>	<i>312,390</i>	<i>303,615</i>	<i>308,003</i>	<i>308,880</i>	<i>-8,800</i>	<i>-4,400</i>	<i>-3,500</i>

a/ Initial calculation with any allowance for the commercial sablefish fishery included.

Table A.3. California non-tribal halibut allocation (in pounds), summarized by option.

Quota	4.0%	7.0%	5.5%	5.0%	Change in allocation (rounded)		
	Status Quo	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>2015</b>	25,220	44,135	34,678	31,525	18,900	9,500	6,300
<b>2016</b>	29,640	51,870	40,755	37,050	22,200	11,100	7,400
<b>2017</b>	34,580	60,515	47,548	43,225	25,900	13,000	8,600
<b>2018</b>	30,940	54,145	42,543	38,675	23,200	11,600	7,700
<b>2019</b>	39,000	68,250	53,625	48,750	29,300	14,600	9,800
<b>2020</b>	39,000	68,250	53,625	48,750	29,300	14,600	9,800
<b>2021</b>	39,260	68,705	53,983	49,075	29,400	14,700	9,800
<b>2022</b>	38,740	67,795	53,268	48,425	29,100	14,500	9,700
<b>2023</b>	39,520	69,160	54,340	49,400	29,600	14,800	9,900
<b>Average</b>	<i>35,100</i>	<i>61,425</i>	<i>48,263</i>	<i>43,875</i>	<i>26,300</i>	<i>13,200</i>	<i>8,800</i>