

# G.1 Pacific Halibut 2024 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations – Final

## Council Action:

1. Adopt Final Catch Sharing Plan and Regulation Changes for Implementation in 2024.
2. Identify Process and Schedule for Remaining Items, as Needed.

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## G.1 WDFW Motion 1 - Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan Preliminary Changes

I move that the Council adopt the season structure and changes to the Catch Sharing Plan for 2024 as recommended in Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental WDFW Report 2.

Moved by Heather Hall

Seconded by Phil Anderson

Motion passed unanimously.

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## **Agenda Item G.1. ODFW Motion 1**

I move the Council adopt the changes to the Catch Sharing Plan for the Oregon recreational fishery as recommended in [Agenda Item G.1. ODFW Report 1.](#)

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Heather Hall

Motion passed unan.

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## CDFW Motion on California Recreational Regulations

For the California recreational subarea, I move the Council adopt changes to the 2024 CSP to:

- Establish two subareas for the California recreational fishery by creating a management line at Point Arena (38° 57.5' N. lat.). The area between the OR/CA border (42° N. lat.) and Pt. Arena would be called the Northern California subarea. The area south of Pt. Arena would be called the South of Pt. Arena subarea.
- Assign 500 pounds of the California quota to the South of Pt. Arena subarea.
- The South of Point Arena subarea will be open May 1 through December 31, or until the assigned pounds for that subarea have been reached, whichever is earlier. All other management objectives, landing restrictions, etc. would be consistent with those as described for the California recreational fishery in the current CSP.
- Request that Council staff work with NMFS and CDFW to finalize the CSP regulatory language for transmittal.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Marc Gorelnik

Motion passed unanimously.

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## WDFW Motion 2 – Directed Halibut Season Structure

I move that the Council adopt the following season structure for the commercial non-tribal directed halibut fishery in 2024:

The 2024 season will consist of a series of three-day openings each beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday ending at 6:00 pm on the Thursday of that week. The first opening would be on the fourth Tuesday in June, the second opening would be two weeks after the first opener and the third opening would be no earlier than three weeks after the second opener. Subsequent openings would occur as soon as possible. Notice of the dates for the first **two** three openers would be announced in the Federal Register prior to the start of the season.

Moved by Heather Hall

Seconded by Lynn Mattes

Amendment: I move the Council replace the word “three” with the word “**two**” in the last sentence of the main motion. Moved by Lynn Mattes Second by Sharon Kiefer. Amendment passed unanimously.

Motion as amended passed unanimously.

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## G.1 WDFW Motion 3 Proposed Changes to CSP - Management Objectives

I move that the Council adopt the proposed changes to the management objectives in the Catch Sharing Plan as described in Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 3.

Moved by Heather Hall

Seconded by Phil Anderson

Amendment by Marci Yaremko, Seconded by Bob Dooley: add at the end of the motion “except for the proposed removal of the reference of ratio of halibut to chinook in section 6 of Attachment 3”.

Vote on amendment voting no: Butch Smith, Phil Anderson, and Heather Hall voted no. Amendment passed.

Main motion as amended passed unan.

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## CDFW Motion on Allocation

Regarding non-tribal allocations to Area 2A sport fisheries, I move the Council adopt Option 3 from Agenda Item G.1 Attachment 4 November 2023: Move 0.6 percent of the OR sport allocation ~~and 0.4 percent of the WA sport allocation~~ to the CA sport allocation **for 2024 only**. Request that Council staff work with NMFS to finalize the catch sharing plan regulatory language for transmittal.

Moved by Marci Yaremko

Seconded by Corey Ridings

Amendment by Heather Hall; Seconded by Butch Smith  
Strike “and 0.4 percent of the WA sport allocation” Roll call vote on Amendment by Heather Hall. 7 yes, 4 no, Josh Lindsay (NMFS) and Brad Pettinger abstained. Amendment passed.

Amendment by Lynn Mattes; seconded by Christa M. Svensson  
I move that the words “**for 2024 only**” be added after “to the CA sport allocation” Voting no Ms. Yaremko, Mr. Marc Gorelnik, and Ms. Corey Ridings. Mr. Josh Lindsay (NMFS) abstained.  
Amendment passed.

Main motion as amended twice, roll call: 1 yes, 9 no.

Ms. Kiefer, Mr. Lindsay (NMFS), and Mr. Anderson abstained.

Main motion as amended twice failed.

## CDFW Motion for Inseason Flexibility

At the earliest time possible a state can notify NMFS of the amount (in pounds of halibut) of their sport allocation that is projected to be unused after accounting for state management objectives. This projected amount could be made available to the other state(s) for the remainder of the calendar year. NMFS would reapportion the amount of net pounds available equally to each of the two states receiving the additional pounds. If the state eligible to receive the additional pounds declines all or part of the additional pounds, the remainder would go to the other state. NMFS will announce any such reapportionment as soon as possible in the Federal Register and concurrent publication on the hotline, consistent with language described in Section 6.8 of the CSP.

On or around August 15, Council staff will facilitate a discussion between the three states and NMFS to share catch updates and inseason fishery information which could provide insight to any excess that could potentially be available for the remainder of current season. Request that Council staff work with the state agencies and NMFS to finalize the catch sharing plan language for transmittal.

Moved by Marci Yaremko  
Seconded by Heather Hall

Amendment by Heather Hall and seconded by Marci Yaremko (see the green highlighted language for the amendment). Amendment passed unanimously.

Main motion as amended passed unanimously.