

2025 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS – FINAL

As described in Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Operating Procedure (COP) 9, the Council solicits proposed changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for Area 2A (Attachments 1 and 2) and annual fishery regulations at its September meeting. At its November meeting, the Council is scheduled to take final action, after reviewing public and agency comments.

At the September 2024 meeting, the Council adopted for public review the recreational changes to the current Area 2A Pacific Halibut CSP and annual fishing regulations proposed by Washington, Oregon, and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW) described in [F.1.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1](#), [Agenda Item F.1.a, ODFW Report 1](#), and [F.1.a, Supplemental CDFW Report 1](#). The Council also requested National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) explore additional options, in addition to status quo, for the non-tribal direct commercial Pacific halibut (DC halibut) fishery that would improve flexibility.

Under this agenda item, NMFS is anticipated to provide a supplemental report that includes information on catch-to-date of Pacific halibut in 2024 and the feasibility of the additional options for the DC halibut fishery requested by the Council. WDFW and ODFW have submitted reports describing their proposed changes and any public input received through their respective outreach processes. A supplemental report is anticipated from CDFW. The Council will also be receiving a verbal update on the outcomes of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)'s Management Strategy Advisory Board meeting that occurred at the end of October.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final changes to the 2025 Pacific halibut CSP, as necessary.**
- 2. Adopt final changes to the 2025 annual fishery regulations, as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: 2024 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2024 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
3. Agenda Item G.1.a, WDFW Report 1: Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan and 2025 Annual Regulations.
4. Agenda Item G.1.a, ODFW Report 1: Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2025 Fishery.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.1 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Final Angela Forristall
a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies

b. Public Comment

c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

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