

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON PACIFIC HALIBUT 2026  
COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL  
REGULATIONS - PRELIMINARY

**2026 Directed Commercial Fishery Regulations**

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) recommends maintaining the same season structure as last year (two-week intervals). The GAP appreciates the improvements in the notifications to participants and movement of the permit deadline to March 15.

**Recreational Catch Share Plan (CSP) Changes**

The GAP recommends the proposed changes to the CSP as outlined in [Supplemental WDFW Report 1](#) and [ODFW Report 1](#) for public review.

**Public Comment**

The GAP discussed the public comment ([Agenda Item E.1, Public Comment](#)) requesting the ability to participate in the incidental salmon troll and directed halibut fisheries in the same season. The movement of the permit date may help address some of the concerns outlined and the GAP believes this is a positive step forward. However, there still may be some problems as final salmon seasons are not set until the April Council meeting (i.e., after the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline).

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