

SALMON ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
2026 COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL
REGULATIONS - PRELIMINARY

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) discussed the potential structure for the 2026 non-tribal directed commercial (DC) halibut fishery.

[Section 5.6.4](#) of the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) describes the current season structure. **The SAS recommends maintaining status quo** (3-day openers no more than 2 weeks apart), as currently described in the CSP. However, the SAS also acknowledges the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel had not yet discussed this topic when the SAS met and would defer to them for any recommended changes.

[Section 5.7](#) of the CSP describes incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery. **The SAS does not have any recommended changes to Section 5.7 (status quo).**

The SAS also discussed the Washington and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW and ODFW) reports submitted under this agenda item, which propose recommendations for changes to the sport season structures that increase flexibility. **The SAS is supportive of the WDFW and ODFW recommendations.**

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