

2026 COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL CATCH SHARING PLAN
AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS – FINAL ACTION

As outlined in Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Operating Procedure (COP) 9, the Council solicits proposed changes to the Area 2A Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) (Attachments 1 and 2) and annual fishery regulations at its September meeting. Typically, the Council takes final action at its November meeting after reviewing public and agency comments. Unfortunately, the inability to publish a Federal Register Notice in advance of the November 2025 Council meeting, as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, means the Council could not take final action on the 2026 CSP at that time. Instead, action is scheduled for this December 2025 meeting.

In November, under [Agenda Item H.1](#), the Council took preliminary action to:

- Adopt Washington and Oregon recreational season proposals as submitted by the [Washington](#) and [Oregon](#) Departments of Fish and Wildlife;
- Approve an April 1 (or as early as practicable) start date for the California sport season, consistent with the [Groundfish Advisory Subpanel](#) (GAP) recommendation; and
- Maintain the 2025 season structure for the directed commercial fishery, as recommended by both the GAP and the [Salmon Advisory Subpanel](#).

Under this agenda item, the Council will review any additional reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service and Washington, Oregon, and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife on the Council's preliminary action, if applicable, and is anticipated to adopt final changes to the commercial and recreational CSP for 2026.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Adopt final changes to the 2026 Pacific halibut commercial and recreational CSP, as necessary.**
- 2. Adopt final changes to the 2026 annual fishery regulations, as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.1, Attachment 1: 2025 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A (Electronic Only).
2. Agenda Item B.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2025 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- B.1 2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations –
Final Action Angela Forristall
- a. Reports of Management Entities
 - b. Public Comment

- c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

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