

2027 COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS – FINAL ACTION

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 2026 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 and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW and ODFW) described in [F.1.a, WDFW Report 1](#) and [F.1.a, Supplemental ODFW Report 1](#) and a *status quo* season structure for the non-tribal directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery. No changes were proposed for the California recreational fishery.

Under this agenda item, National Marine Fisheries Service has provided a report that includes information on catch-to-date (as of October 16, 2026) of Pacific halibut in 2026. WDFW and ODFW have submitted reports describing their proposed changes and any public input received through their respective outreach processes.

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 in early November. The IPHC's Interim Meeting will be held online December 1, 2026, and the Annual Meeting will be held in Victoria, British Columbia January 25-28, 2027.

Council Action:

- 1. Adopt final changes to the 2027 Pacific halibut CSP, as necessary.**
- 2. Adopt final changes to the 2027 annual fishery regulations, as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1: 2026 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2026 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
3. Agenda Item H.1.a, WDFW Report 1: Proposed Changes for the Pacific Halibut Fishery.
4. Agenda Item H.1.a, ODFW Report 1: Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2027 Fishery.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see [e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- H.1 2027 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations – Final Action Angela Forristall
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Final 2027 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

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