

2026 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 2025 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) in [F.1.a, Supplemental WDFW Report 1](#) and [F.1.a, ODFW Report 1](#), as well as a proposal to change the season start state for all California recreational sub areas to April 1. The Council also adopted, for public review, the *status quo* season structure for the directed commercial fishery in 2026, as described in [Section 5.6.4](#) of the current CSP.

Under this agenda item, National Marine Fisheries Service is anticipated to provide a supplemental report that includes information on catch-to-date of Pacific halibut in 2025. WDFW, ODFW, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) may provide reports describing any proposed changes and public input received through their respective outreach processes.

Council Action:

- 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 H.1, Attachment 1: 2025 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A **(Electronic Only)**.
2. Agenda Item H.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:

- H.1 2026 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 2026 Commercial and Recreational Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations

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