

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

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) **maintains their recommendation made in September ([Agenda Item E.1.a, Supplemental SAS Report 1](#)) that the 2026 directed commercial halibut season structure should remain status quo (3-day openers no more than 2 weeks apart).**

The SAS discussed the proposals for the sport season structure described in the reports from the Washington and Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife. The SAS supports the proposed revisions, which enhance flexibility and improve utilization of sport fishery sub-area allocations.

Additionally, the SAS requests that the National Marine Fisheries Service publish all potential open dates at the start of the season and then close the season (remove dates) if a sub-area quota is reached, rather than adding new dates later in the season. This approach would allow for more effective planning.

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