

Agenda Item H.2 Commercial Directed Fishery Workshop Planning Council Action:

Review Recommendations for the Scope of, and Provide Direction in the Planning of, an Area 2A Commercial Halibut Fishery Workshop

H.2 – WDFW Motion

I move that the Council:

- 1. Express to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) our intent to pursue management of the commercial directed halibut fishery.**
- 2. Request that representatives from NMFS, WDFW, ODFW, CDFW, and Council staff coordinate to identify the questions we have for IPHC regarding the logistics (e.g., issuance of permits) associated with a potential transition plan. The intent is for this group of management representatives to have a conference call in advance of a meeting with IPHC staff, for the meeting to occur prior to the June Council meeting, and for the representatives to report back to the Council in June.**
- 3. Schedule a Council discussion for June relative to a stakeholder workshop that would occur later this year. The purpose of the workshop would be to review and discuss regulatory alternatives for the commercial directed halibut fishery for the 2020 season (e.g., opening date, season structure, vessel limits).**
- 4. Request NMFS provide an initial report describing the process, timeline, and workload associated with transitioning the management of the directed**

commercial fishery from IPHC to the Council with status quo fishery structure (i.e., open access, trip limit fishery) under two scenarios:

- a. Permits continued to be issued by IPHC, and**
- b. Creation of federal halibut permit.**

The purpose of the report is to have a general sense of the amount of work that it will take to complete the transition of the management of the fishery to the Council, and what timeline estimates would be. This report would be provided for the November 2019 meeting.

Moved by Michele Culver 2nd by Bob Dooley

Motion carried unan.

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