

## 2020 CATCH SHARING PLAN AND ANNUAL REGULATIONS

Council Operating Procedure (COP) 9 anticipates that at each September meeting, the Council considers proposed changes to the Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) and annual regulations for Area 2A (Agenda Item G.1, Attachments 1 and 2). The proposed changes are most often related to recreational season structures (e.g., opening dates, days per week, early season/late season ratios, and port/area sharing) as well as minor allocation changes among areas or gear groups.

In addition, the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) now defines removals in terms of Total Catch Exploitable Yield (TCEY) rather than Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield (FCEY) for all regulatory areas. When calculating total allowable catch for each sector in Area 2A the CSP translates TCEY to FCEY by first subtracting ‘off the top’ removals for bycatch and wastage, and then allocates to sectors from the reduced total. The IPHC would prefer that all sector allocations directly incorporated the necessary adjustments to get from TCEY to sector allocations so that there is consistency and transparency in the calculations and terminology.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has provided a report on the progress to date of the 2019 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A (Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1). The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has also provided a report on proposed changes to the CSP for the 2020 fishery.

The Council is scheduled to adopt for public review proposed changes to the current CSP for 2020, and to the 2020 annual fishery regulations under this agenda item. Final action for establishing the 2020 Pacific halibut fisheries is scheduled for the November 2019 Council meeting.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt for public review proposed changes to the current Pacific halibut CSP for 2020, and 2020 annual fishery regulations, as necessary.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: 2019 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for Area 2A.
2. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2: Visual Representation of the 2019 Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan for Pacific Halibut.
3. Agenda Item G.1.a, NMFS Report 1: Report on the 2019 Pacific Halibut Fisheries in Area 2A.
4. Agenda Item G.1.a, ODFW Report 1: Proposed Changes to the Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan for the 2020 Fishery

Agenda Order:

- G.1 2020 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations Robin Ehlke
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Proposed 2020 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes for Public Review

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