

AD HOC SOUTH OF HUMBUG PACIFIC HALIBUT POLICY COMMITTEE

At its April 2012 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended establishing a policy-level ad hoc committee to address allocation and management issues associated with recent increased recreational catch of Pacific halibut in the area South of Humbug Mt., Oregon. The Committee's development of management alternatives would be intended for the September 2013 meeting, when the Council considers proposed changes to the 2014 annual regulations and the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for Area 2A. The committee would consider materials developed by the ad hoc South of Humbug Pacific Halibut Workgroup, which was established in April 2012, to develop background information on abundance, assessment, catch estimate and monitoring, and allocation issues. These materials will be available for the September 2012 Council meeting.

At this time, the Council should appoint members of the policy committee and identify Council staff to support the Committee. Committee membership should include representatives from the States of California, Oregon, and Washington, National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Region, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC).

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