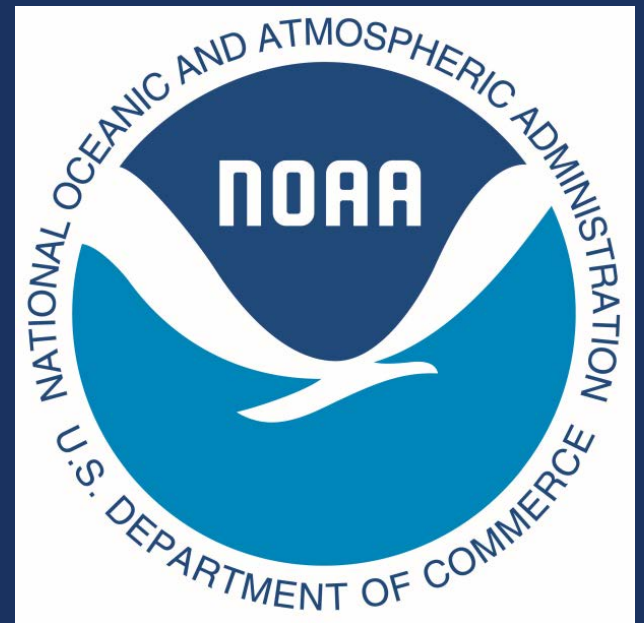


B2 REQUESTS REGARDING CHARTER HALIBUT MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN AREA 2C AND 3A

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THE PROPOSED ACTION

The first request:

- Amend the Area 2C and 3A charter halibut management measures so they are less restrictive

The second request:

- Allow unused charter allocation in 2020 from Area 2C and 3A to be rolled over to the 2021 fishing year allocation



REQUESTED CHANGES TO 2020 CHARTER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

	Current management measures	Proposed management measure changes To be put in place after travel restrictions are lifted
Area 2C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One-fish daily bag limit with a reverse slot limit; halibut that is 40 inches or less or 80 inches or more (U40/O80)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One-fish daily bag limit with a reverse slot limit; halibut that is either 45 inches or less or 80 inches or more (U45/O80)



REQUESTED CHANGES TO 2020 CHARTER MANAGEMENT MEASURES

	Current management measures	Proposed management measure changes To be put in place until travel restrictions are lifted
Area 3A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A two-fish bag limit, one fish of any size, and one fish with a 26-inch size limit• An annual limit of four fish• Prohibition on halibut retention by charter vessel anglers on all Tuesdays and all Wednesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A two-fish bag limit, with no size restrictions on either halibut• No annual limit• Retention of halibut is allowed on all days of the week



ROLLOVER OF UNUSED ALLOCATION

- Current mechanism for a rollover:

Unused allocation from all sectors is currently “left in the water” and factored into the following year’s catch limits.

- Consideration of a different rollover mechanism can be addressed:

- At the time when catch limits are established by IPHC
- When the full extent of the 2020 unused allocation is known



REGULATORY PROCESS FOR CHANGE

Amending management measures:

- 1) A recommendation by the NPFMC
- 2) An intersessional meeting of the IPHC
- 3) Acceptance by the U.S. Depts. of State and Commerce
- 4) Publishing in the Federal Register



QUESTIONS?

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