

**ADVISORY PANEL**  
**Motions and Rationale**  
**October 4-7, 2022 - Anchorage, AK**

**C6 2023 Charter Halibut Management Measures**

For IPHC Areas 2C and 3A, the AP Recommends the Council adopt the following management measures:

**In IPHC Area 2C:**

- A reverse slot with an upper size limit fixed at O80, and a lower size limit decreased until the allocation is reached, but no lower than U40; Yield 0.867 – 1.121 million pounds (**Table 2C.5**).
- If the allocation is insufficient to maintain at least a U40 on the lower size limit, add Monday closures starting September 18 and work consecutively toward the beginning of the season until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.867 - 0.734 million pounds (**Table 2C.8.b**).
- If a lower size limit of U40 can't be reached after closing all Mondays, add an annual limit of 3 fish as necessary to meet the allocation (Yield 0.693 million pounds); if possible, use any unused allocation to increase the lower size limit above U40 until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.686 – 0.723 million pounds (**Table 2C.10.b**).
- If the allocation is not reached by closing all Mondays and a 3-fish annual limit, allow the lower size limit to decrease from U40 until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.564 – 0.686 million pounds (**Table 2C.10.b**).

If an annual limit is adopted in IPHC Area 2C, implement a requirement for charter anglers to record, immediately upon retaining a halibut, the date, location (IPHC regulatory area), and species (halibut) on their harvest record card, consistent with the past reporting requirement in Area 3A.

**For IPHC Area 3A:**

All allocations shown below include, unless otherwise specified: a daily bag limit of 2 halibut; with no annual limit per charter angler; 1 trip per halibut charter vessel per day; and 1 trip per charter halibut permit per day.

- If the allocation is less than 2.37 Mlb, but greater than or equal to 2.075 Mlb:
  - a daily bag limit of 2 halibut, with one fish of any size, and one fish less than or equal to 28 inches;
  - Adjust the number of Wednesdays closed to retention of halibut, with a second fish of 28" or less, according to **Table 3A.13 (page 74)** in ADF&G analysis of proposed charter halibut management measures for 2023, to bring the projected removals within the Area 3A charter halibut allocation.
- If the allocation is less than 2.075 Mlb, but greater than 1.75 Mlb: in addition to all closed Wednesdays, close as many Tuesdays as needed to keep the charter removals within their allocation (**Table 3A.5, page 65**)
  - Should the allocation be below 1.75 Mlb: lower the size of the second fish to as low as 26 inches associated with an allocation of 1.69Mlb

*Motion passed 16-0*

Rationale:

- *All of the recommended management measures reflect the recommendations made by the Charter Halibut Committee.*
- *Area 2C Committee members stated that recommending these types of restrictions are not taken lightly by the Committee and that they understand these measures (e.g., annual limits, day of the week closures, etc.) will have real durable impacts on businesses. Members noted the Catch Sharing Plan was a blunt tool that does not allow for more refined business-specific economic responses and therefore the impacts to individual businesses are varied as a result of management measures chosen.*
- *Area 3A Committee members noted the proposed recommendations represent the easiest ways to cover the very large range of allocations that could be set at the IPHC. They emphasized that it was alarming to look at the extreme measures but felt optimistic that these would not need to apply for 2023. Members stated that providing consistent regulations was a big part of the strategy behind what was proposed. Consistent management measures allow for better ADF&G projections and are desirable from a business and marketing standpoint.*
- *Given the lack of an interim harvest strategy from the IPHC, both IPHC areas were required to cover a wide range of circumstances, which included bringing in some very undesirable measures to the list. Members stated they arrived at the proposed hierarchy of measures as a compromise, including all the available tools.*