

North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
**C1: Charter Halibut Management Measures**  
**Council Motion**

December 4, 2020

The Council moves to approve and recommend to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) the following management measures for IPHC regulatory Areas 2C and 3A.

**IPHC Area 3A Harvest Measures**

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

If the allocation is less than 1.93Mlb (Status Quo FCEY) but greater than or equal to 1.85 Mlb:

- a daily bag limit of 2 halibut, with one fish of any size, and one fish less than or equal to 32 inches;
- All Wednesdays closed to retention of halibut, with a second fish of 32” or less, according to Table 24 in ADF&G analysis of proposed harvest regulations for 2021 to bring the projected harvest within the Area 3A allocation. Table 22 on page 45 of the ADF&G Analysis: Yield 2.470 Mlb.
- Apply a 25% COVID Impact Buffer as described in Appendix A-2, 2 on page 59 in the ADF&G Analysis to achieve a yield of  $2.470 \times .75 = 1.85$  Million pounds is the projected removal.

If the allocation is less than 1.85 Mlb but greater than 1.74 Mlb

- If the allocation is below 1.85 million pounds, adjust the size of the second fish, down to a minimum of 30 inches to keep the charter harvest within their allocation. Table 24B on Page 47 of the ADF&G analysis.

**IPHC area 2C Harvest Measure Recommendations**

1. Apply a 35% reduction COVID Impacts Buffer in projected removals for 2021 under a reverse slot limit in Table 6, page 26, of the ADF&G analysis and use the adjusted table below for determining reverse slot limit harvest measures.
2. One Fish Daily Bag Limit.
3. If the adjusted Area 2C catch limit is at .65 million pounds (Reference SPR 43), reverse slot limit must be  $\leq 44''$  or  $\geq 80''$ .
4. If Area 2C adjusted catch limit is from .651 million pounds to .751 million pounds, maintain the upper reverse slot limit at  $\geq 80''$  and adjust the lower reverse slot limit upward to keep the projected harvest within the allocation.
5. If Area 2C adjusted catch limit is higher than .751 million pounds, maintain the lower reverse slot limit of  $\leq 50''$  and adjust the upper reverse slot limit downward to keep the projected harvest within the allocation.

<b>35% Buffer</b>		
	<b>Removals in Mlb</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>
U44O80	0.993	0.645
U45O80	1.026	0.667
U46O80	1.048	0.681
U47O80	1.077	0.700
U48O80	1.097	0.713
U49O80	1.131	0.735
U50O80	1.155	0.751
U50O78	1.166	0.758
U50O76	1.168	0.759
U50O74	1.182	0.768
U50O72	1.209	0.786