


M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Council, SSC and AP members

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SUBJECT: Recommendations to the International Pacific Halibut Commission  
for 1986

The annual meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission will be held January 27-30, 1986 in Seattle. Attached are proposals the Commission will consider implementing for the 1986 season. The Council is not obligated to submit proposals for Commission consideration, but if it wishes to do so this Council meeting will be the last opportunity to formulate such proposals. We have not received any requests to intercede or comment on the directed halibut fishery.

IPHC STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1986 SEASONS

Principles

1. Avoid landing conflicts with holidays and weekends.
2. Conduct fishing on small tides.
3. Spread landings over the summer (May through September).
4. Minimize any salmon or herring season conflicts.
5. Two-day openings in Area 3A.
6. Don't have Alaskan and Canadian areas open at the same time.
7. Close Area 2B seasons on a Monday, allowing maximum running time to southern ports.

Openings

<u>Area 2A</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
May 12 - May 20	8
June 8 - Jun 16	8
July 6 - July 14	8
Aug 10 - Aug 18	8
Sept 9 -	?

<u>Area 2B</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
May 14 - May 20	6
June 10 - June 16	6
July 8 - July 14	6
Aug 12 - Aug 18	6
Sept 9 -	?

<u>Area 2C</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
April 30 - May 2	2
May 29 - May 31	2
Aug 25 - Aug 27	2
Sept 24 -	?

<u>Area 3A</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
April 30 - May 2	2
May 29 - May 31	2
Aug 25 - Aug 27	2
Sept 24 -	?

<u>Area 3B</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
April 30 - May 2	2
May 15 - May 17	2
May 29 - May 31	2
Aug 25 - Aug 27	2
Sept 24 -	?

<u>Area 4A</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
April 30 - May 2	2
May 29 - May 31	2
June 25 - June 29	4
July 28 -	?
<u>Area 4B</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
April 30 - May 2	2
May 29 - May 31	2
June 25 - June 29	4
July 28 -	?
<u>Area 4C</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
Open May 1	1 day open, 1 day closed
July 28 -	?
<u>Area 4D</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
April 30 - May 2	2
May 29 - May 31	2
June 25 - July 5	10
July 28 -	?
<u>Area 4E</u>	<u>No. of Days</u>
Open May 1	2 days open, 1 day closed

Recommended Quotas

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Quota (000 lbs)</u>
2A	500
2B	10,000
2C	12,000
3A	33,000
3B	11,000
4A	1,700
4B	1,300
4C	600
4D	600
4E	50

## SUMMARY OF INDUSTRY AND OTHER AGENCY PROPOSALS FOR 1986

### Catch Limits

- (1) Total catch limit set at 50 million pounds, to be apportioned as in 1985 (Deep Sea Fisherman's Union)
- (2) 2A - 0.9 million; 2C - 12 million; 3A - 28 million; 3B - 15 million; 4A - 2.5 million; 4B - 2.0 million; 4C - 1.0 million, 4D - 1.2 million; 4E - 60,000 pounds (Seattle Fishing Vessel Owners' Assn.)
- (3) Manage fishery on a biological basis (Pacific Coast Fishing Vessel Owner's Guild)
- (4) 2A - 0.6 million pounds (Oregon Longliner's Assn.)
- (5) 4E - 50,000 pounds (Nelson Island Fishermen's Assn.)
- (6) 3A - 26.0 million pounds; 3B - 10 million pounds (Kodiak Longliner's Assn.)
- (7) Set catch limits near acceptable biological catch (Alaska Longline Fishermen's Assn.)
- (8) Area 2A - 0.6 million pounds (Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)

### Seasons

- (1) Areas 2C, 3A, 3B to open after April 20, 1986 on first favorable tide; fishing periods should be 4 days in Area 4A, 6 days in Area 4B, and 7 days in Area 4D (Deep Sea Fisherman's Union)
- (2) Area 2B to open in April but set to avoid deliveries from other areas; other openings on June 1, July 1, and Aug. 1; 12-day openings (B.C. Fishing Vessel Owner's Assn.)
- (3) Areas 2C, 3A, and 3B to open on the best tide in mid- or late April (2-day openings every 28 days but provide for a September opening); Area 4 to open in July-August (4A - 5 days, 4B - 8 days, 4D - 10 days) (Seattle Fishing Vessel Owners' Assn.)
- (4) Area 2B to open before other areas (8-day openings on May 2, June 2, and in mid-August (Pacific Coast Fishing Vessel Owner's Guild)
- (5) Area 2A to open in June (Oregon Longliner's Assn.)
- (6) Area 4E - 2 days open, 1 day closed (Nelson Island Fishermen's Assn.)
- (7) Areas 2C, 3A, 3B to open on May 2, June 2, June 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 26, and Oct. 27; openings to be 48 hours (noon to noon), 36 hours (1800 hrs to 0600 hrs), and 24 hours (noon to noon) (Kodiak Longliner's Assn.)

- (8) Areas 2C, 3A, 3B to open in April, 24-hour or 48-hour openings each month (Alaska Longline Fishermen's Assn.)
- (9) Area 2A to open in June; 12-day openings (Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)

Miscellaneous Proposals

- (1) License applications less than 10 days via mail before the opening of a fishing period will not be effective for that opening (National Marine Fisheries Service)
- (2) Vessel clearance and hold inspections for Area 4 to be obtained from a commercial fish processor at Dutch Harbor or Akutan, Alaska (National Marine Fisheries Service)
- (3) Modify wording on 72-hour restriction on use of setline gear prior to a halibut opening so as to avoid conflict with 1-day openings in Area 4C (National Marine Fisheries Service)
- (4) Modify sport fish regulations so that charter boat operators are liable for infractions committed by their clients (National Marine Fisheries Service)
- (5) Require hold inspections and clearance at Dutch Harbor for all Area 4 openings; officers should be available on a 24-hour schedule (Deep Sea Fisherman's Union)
- (6) Provide for clearance and hold inspection in Akutan as well as Dutch Harbor (Seattle Fishing Vessel Owners' Guild)
- (7) Eliminate landing requirement for sport fish daily limit (Seabreeze Charters)
- (8) Establish a 100,000 pound minimum quota for the fishermen of Atka with 2 day fishing/1 day closed periods from April to mid-July (Aleutian-Pribilof Islands Assn.)
- (9) Establish an individual catch fishery for salmon trollers in Area 2B (Northern Troller's Assn.)
- (10) No change in gear restrictions and size limits (Pacific Coast Fishing Vessel Owner's Guild)
- (11) Close Glacier Bay to halibut fishing from June 1-August 31 (U.S. National Parks Service)
- (12) Schedule Annual Meetings for first week in January or after February 10 to avoid Tanner crab fishery; schedule next U.S. meeting place in Alaska, preferably Kodiak (Kodiak Longliner's Assn.)
- (13) Conduct survey and tagging program in Area 2A (Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife)