

**C-6 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures**  
**Council motion**  
**December 12, 2022**

**For the 2023 charter fishing season in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A, the Council recommends:**

**For IPHC Area 2C:**

1. A daily bag limit of 1 halibut, with a reverse slot size limit, where the upper limit is fixed at O80 (halibut equal to 80 inches or more may be retained), and a decreasing lower size limit that is applied until the allocation is reached, but no lower than U40 (halibut equal to 40 inches or less may be retained). These measures cover projected charter removals that range from 0.867 up to 1.121 million pounds (Mlb), as provided by **Table 2C.5 (page 21)** of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) analysis.
2. If the allocation cannot be reached with a lower size limit of U40 and upper size limit of O80, then also prohibit halibut retention on Mondays, beginning with September 18 and all other Mondays through the end of the season; then, if necessary, add consecutive Monday closures from September 18 working toward the beginning of the season until the allocation is reached. These additional measures cover projected charter removals that range from 0.734 to 0.867 Mlb, as indicated in **Table 2C.8.b (page 25)** of the ADF&G analysis.
3. If the allocation cannot be reached with a lower limit of U40 and all Mondays closed, then add an annual limit of 3 fish per charter angler. If possible, increase the lower size limit to U41 or U42 to reach the allocation. These additional measures cover projected charter removals that range from 0.686 to 0.723 Mlb, as indicated in **Table 2C.10.b (page 30)** of the ADF&G analysis.
4. If the allocation is not reached by closing all Mondays and applying a 3-fish annual limit, then allow the lower size limit to decrease from U40 until the allocation is reached. This covers projected charter removals that range from 0.564 up to 0.686 Mlb, as indicated in **Table 2C.10.b (page 30)** of the ADF&G analysis.

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

**For IPHC Area 3A:**

All allocations shown below include, unless otherwise specified: a daily bag limit of 2 halibut; one fish of any size and one fish with a maximum size limit; 1 trip per charter vessel per day with retention of halibut; and, 1 trip per charter halibut permit per day.

- 1) If the allocation is less than 2.37 Mlb, but greater than or equal to 2.075 Mlb, apply:
  - One fish of any size and one fish less than or equal to 28 inches;And,

- Adjust the number of Wednesdays closed to the retention of halibut, so that projected charter removals are within the Area 3A allocation, as indicated in **Table 3A.13 (page 74)** of the ADF&G analysis.
- 2) If the allocation is less than 2.075 Mlb, but greater than 1.75 Mlb: in addition to all closed Wednesdays and a second halibut 28 inches or less, close as many Tuesdays as needed to keep the charter harvest removals within the Area 3A allocation, as indicated in **Table 3A.5 (page 65)** of the ADF&G analysis.
- 3) Should the allocation be below 1.75 Mlb, in addition to closing all Tuesdays and Wednesdays, lower the size of the second fish to as low as 26 inches, until the projected charter harvest removals meet the allocation. This covers allocations as low as 1.69 Mlb as indicated in **Table 3A.6 (page 65)** of the ADF&G analysis