

**C-2 Recreational Quota Entity Fee Collection - Final Action**  
**Council motion**  
**April 7, 2022**

The Council recommends Alternative 2, with additions shown in underline, as its preferred alternative:

Alternative 2:

Establish a fee collection program for Charter Vessel Operators to fund the Recreational Quota Entity.

Option 1: Charter Halibut Stamp

Administration

- NMFS will develop regulations to establish the fee requirement for a Charter Halibut Stamp and contract with the RQE to develop the fee collection system (Consistent with any legal requirements).
- The Charter Halibut Stamp will be required for charter vessel anglers 18 years of age and older for each day they intend to harvest halibut on a charter vessel fishing trip in regulatory areas 2C and 3A. This includes charter halibut vessels operated and permitted under the Community Quota Entity (CQE) and Military Morale and Welfare (MWR) programs.

Fee amount

- Stamp fees in the first three-years after the implementation of the program cannot exceed the following amounts:
  - A) One-day stamp - \$20.00
  - B) Three-day Stamp – \$40.00
  - C) Seven-day Stamp – \$60.00
- After the first three years of implementation, the RQE may recommend that NMFS increase the fee amounts in each category by up to 10% annually. NMFS will provide the Council with an update on fee increases.

Fee payment

- The Sportfishing Guide Business Owner or their designee (as defined by ADF&G) will be responsible for paying all required fees.
- Charter Vessel Guides (as defined by NMFS) will be responsible for ensuring there is a validated halibut stamp on the vessel for each angler subject to the fee for each day of halibut fishing.
- Fee payment and charter halibut stamp validation would need to occur prior to departure prior to start of each fishing day.

In developing these regulations, it is the intent of the Council that NMFS coordinate with the Charter Halibut Committee and the RQE in the development of the stamp requirements and fee collection system and update the Council as appropriate.