

Council Motion
C4 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures
December 7, 2024

The Council adopts the following as 2025 charter halibut management measures. Changes from the AP motion and Charter Management Committee are **noted in red**.

For the 2025 charter fishing season in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A, the Council recommends:

For IPHC Area 2C:

All allocations shown below include a daily bag limit of one halibut and a reverse slot size limit where the upper limit is fixed at O80 (halibut 80 inches or longer may be retained), and a restriction of 1 trip per charter vessel per day with retention of halibut and 1 trip per charter halibut permit per day.

- 1) If the allocation falls within the range of 0.897 MIb and 1.013 MIb:
 - Begin with a lower size limit of U38 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 38 inches in length) and increase this limit until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.
- 2) If the allocation is less than 0.897 MIb but greater than or equal to 0.752 MIb:
 - Begin with a lower size limit of U38 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 38 inches in length) closing Tuesdays starting September 9 working to May 13 until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.
- 3) If the allocation is less than 0.752 MIb but greater than or equal to 0.715 MIb:
 - Begin with a lower size limit of U37 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 37 inches in length) closing Tuesdays from Sept 9 to June 24, and closing additional Tuesdays working to May 13 until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.
- 4) If the allocation is less than 0.715 MIb but greater than or equal to 0.691 MIb:
 - Begin with a lower size limit of U36 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 36 inches in length) closing Tuesdays from Sept 9 to June 24, and closing additional Tuesdays working to May 13 until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.
- 5) If the allocation is less than 0.691 MIb but greater than or equal to 0.651 MIb:
 - Begin with a lower size limit of U35 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 35 inches in length) closing Tuesdays from Sept 9 to July 8, and closing additional Tuesdays working to May 13 until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.
- 6) If the allocation is less than 0.651 MIb but greater than or equal to 0.627 MIb:
 - Begin with a lower size limit of U34 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 34 inches in length) closing Tuesdays from Sept 9 to June 24, and closing additional Tuesdays working to May 13 until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.

- 7) If the allocation is less than 0.627 MIb but greater than or equal to 0.608 MIb:
- Begin with a lower size limit of U33 (retained halibut must be less than or equal to 33 inches in length) closing Tuesdays from Sept 9 to July 1, and closing additional Tuesdays working to June 10 until the allocation is reached, as indicated in **Table 2C.7.2a** (page 44) of the ADF&G analysis.

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 of 28 inches; 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 or equal to 2.079 MIb, but greater than or equal to 1.762 MIb:
 - Close Wednesdays as needed to keep charter harvest removals within the Area 3A allocation, as indicated in **Table 3A.13 (page 33)** of the ADF&G analysis.
- 2) If the allocation is less than 1.762 MIb, but greater than 1.497 MIb:
 - In addition to all closed Wednesdays, close as many Tuesdays as needed to keep the charter harvest removals within the Area 3A allocation, as indicated in **Table 3A.14** (page 34) of the ADF&G analysis.
- 2) If the allocation is below 1.497 MIb, but greater than 1.425 MIb:
 - 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, as indicated in **Table 3A.16** (page 36) of the ADF&G analysis.