

**ADF&G Informational Handout for
Charter Halibut Committee Meeting
October 21, 2026**

Table 1. Preliminary charter halibut harvest estimates for Areas 2C and 3A for 2026.

IPHC Area	Mean Wt lb	Harvest Num Fish	Yield lb	Release Mortality lb	Total Removals lb	Allocation lb	Overage lb	Overage pct
Area_2C	7.98	79,628	635,431	37,428	672,859	650,000	22,859	3.5%
Area_3A	9.49	145,851	1,384,126	11,676	1,395,802	1,470,000	-74,198	-5.1%

Table 2. Comparison of forecast (Dec 2025 analysis) and preliminary estimates (Oct 2026).

IPHC Area	Component	Predicted Dec 2025	Prelim Oct 2026	% Diff Pred vs Prelim
Area_2C	Harvest_Num_Fish	81,100	79,628	-1.8%
	Mean_Wt_lb	7.66	7.98	4.2%
	Yield_Mlb	0.622	0.635	2.1%
	Release_Mortality_Mlb	0.025	0.037	48.0%
	Total_Removals_Mlb	0.647	0.673	4.0%
Area_3A	Harvest_Num_Fish	149,152	145,851	-2.2%
	Mean_Wt_lb	9.75	9.49	-2.7%
	Yield_Mlb	1.454	1.384	-4.1%
	Release_Mortality_Mlb	0.012	0.012	0.0%
	Total_Removals_Mlb	1.466	1.396	-4.8%

Table 3. Comparison of 2025 preliminary (Oct 2025) and final (Oct 2026) estimates.

IPHC Area	Component	Preliminary	Final	% Diff Prelim vs Final
Area_2C	Harvest_Num_Fish	76,683	78,819	2.8%
	Mean_Wt_lb	9.20	9.19	-0.1%
	Yield_Mlb	0.705	0.725	2.8%
	Release_Mortality_Mlb	0.028	0.025	-10.7%
	Total_Removals_Mlb	0.734	0.750	2.2%
Area_3A	Harvest_Num_Fish	140,570	146,936	4.5%
	Mean_Wt_lb	9.83	9.88	0.5%
	Yield_Mlb	1.382	1.451	5.0%
	Release_Mortality_Mlb	0.015	0.012	-20.0%
	Total_Removals_Mlb	1.397	1.463	4.7%

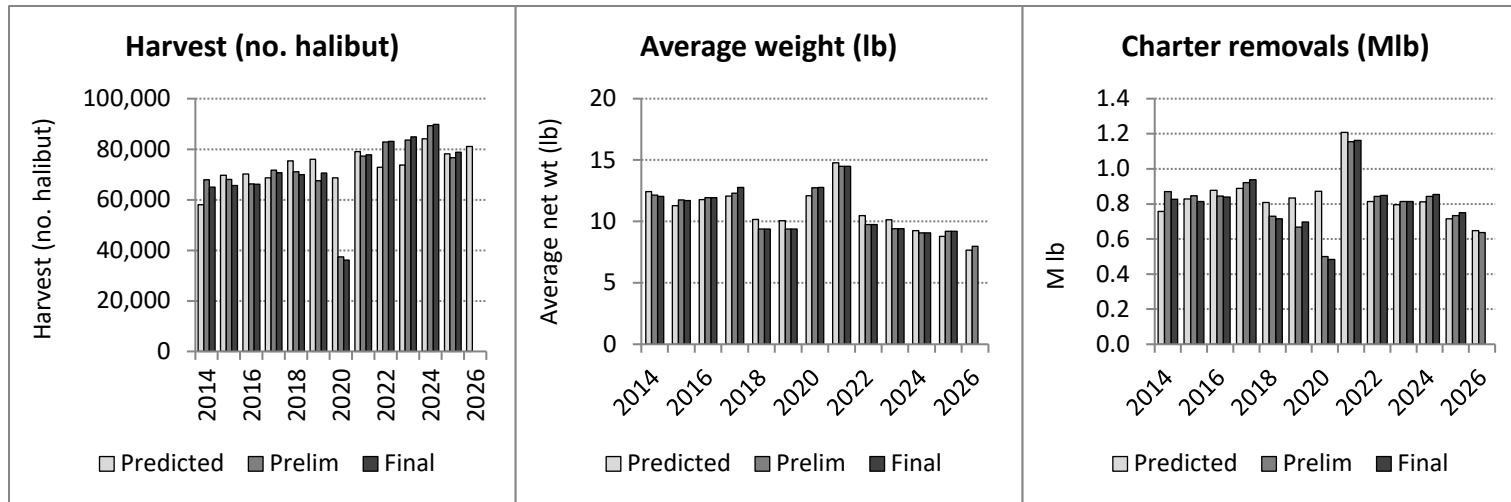
Table 4.1. Performance of 2C charter management measures recommended annually by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council since 2012 (2026 preliminary estimates in bold italics). Negative Overage and % Overage numbers indicate removals were less than the allocation.

Area	Year	Management measure	MgmtType	Allocation	Removals	Overage	% Overage
2C	2012	One fish, U45-O68 rev. slot	GHL	0.931	0.605	-0.326	-35%
	2013	One fish, U45-O68 rev. slot	GHL	0.788	0.762	-0.026	-3%
	2014	One fish, U44-O76 rev. slot	CSP	0.761	0.827	0.066	9%
	2015	One fish, U42-O80 rev slot	CSP	0.851	0.814	-0.037	-4%
	2016	One fish, U43-O80 rev slot	CSP	0.906	0.839	-0.067	-7%
	2017	One fish, U44-O80 rev slot	CSP	0.915	0.941	0.026	3%
	2018	One fish, U38-O80 rev slot	CSP	0.810	0.716	-0.094	-12%
	2019	One fish, U38-O80 rev slot	CSP	0.820	0.697	-0.123	-15%
	2020	One fish, U40-O80 rev slot through 6/14, U45-O80 after 6/14	CSP	0.780	0.483	-0.297	-38%
	2021	One fish, U50-O72 rev slot	CSP	0.810	1.163	0.353	44%
	2022	One fish, U40-O80 rev slot	CSP	0.820	0.848	0.028	3%
	2023	One fish, U40-O80 rev slot, nine Mondays closed July 24-Sept 18	CSP	0.800	0.832	0.032	4%
	2024	One fish, U40-O80 rev slot, U36-O80 starting July 15, Fridays closed July 19 - September 13	CSP	0.810	0.853	0.043	5%
	2025	One fish, U37-O80 rev slot, Tuesdays closed May 13 to September 9, one trip/day with halibut harvest	CSP	0.720	0.734	0.014	2%
	2026	One fish, U34-O80 rev slot, Tuesdays closed June 18 to September 10	CSP	0.650	0.673	0.023	4%

Table 4.2. Performance of 3A charter management measures recommended annually by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council since 2012 (2026 preliminary estimates in bold italics).

Area	Year	Management measure	MgmtType	Allocation	Removals	Overage	% Overage
3A	2012	Two fish any size	GHL	3.103	2.284	-0.819	-26%
	2013	Two fish any size	GHL	2.734	2.514	-0.220	-8%
	2014	Two fish, one $\leq 29"$, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.782	2.066	0.284	16%
	2015	Two fish, one $\leq 29"$, Thursday closed Jun 15-Aug 31, annual limit 5 halibut, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.890	2.094	0.204	11%
	2016	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, annual limit 4 halibut, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.814	2.021	0.207	11%
	2017	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, three Tuesdays closed, annual limit 4 halibut, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.890	2.089	0.199	11%
	2018	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, six Tuesdays closed, annual limit 4 halibut, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.790	1.886	0.096	5%
	2019	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, five Tuesdays closed, annual limit 4 halibut, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.890	2.054	0.164	9%
	2020	Two fish (one $\leq 26"$ thru 6/14, $\leq 32"$ after 6/14), Tuesday and Wednesday closed thru 6/14, all days open after 6/14, annual limit 4 halibut thru 6/14, no annual limit after 6/14, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.710	1.567	-0.143	-8%
	2021	Two fish, one $\leq 32"$, Wednesday closed all year, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.950	2.455	0.505	26%
	2022	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, two Tuesdays closed, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	2.110	1.741	-0.369	-17%
	2023	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, Tuesdays closed June 20 through August 15, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.890	1.588	-0.302	-16%
	2024	Two fish, one $\leq 28"$, Wednesday closed all year, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.890	1.617	-0.273	-14%
	2025	Two fish, one $\leq 27"$, Tuesday and Wednesday closed all year, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.480	1.397	-0.083	-6%
	2026	Two fish, one $\leq 27"$, Wednesday closed all year, Tuesdays closed June 2 through August 25, one trip/day with halibut harvest.	CSP	1.470	1.396	-0.074	-5%

Area 2C



Area 3A

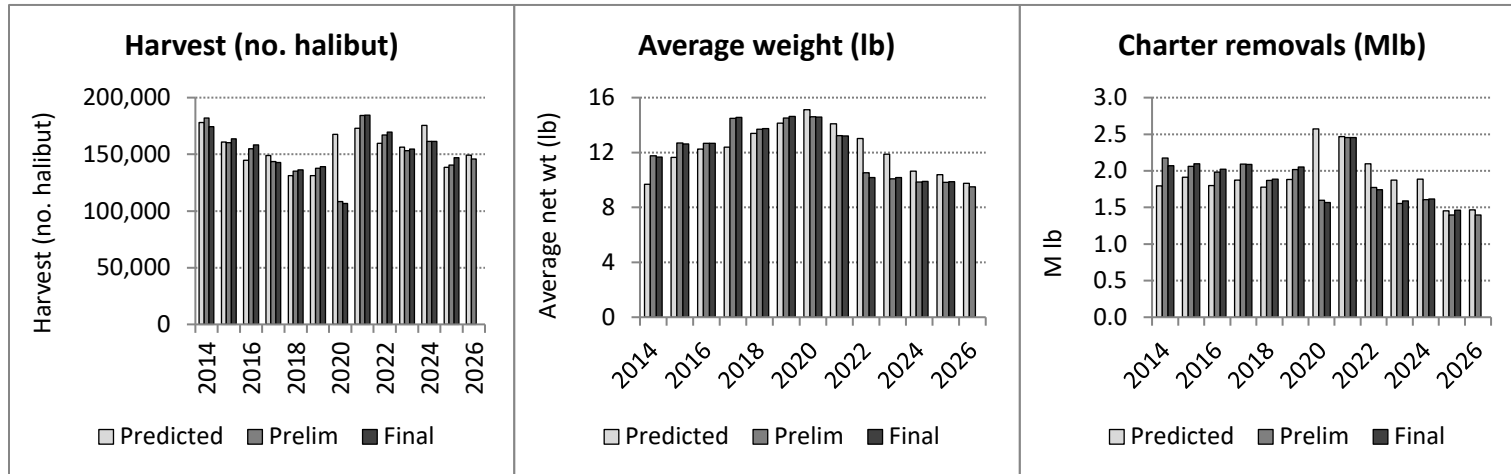


Figure 1. Comparison of predictions (prior to each season), preliminary estimates (based on partial-year logbook data), and final estimates of harvest, average weight, and total charter removals, Areas 2C and 3A, 2014-2026.