

# C7 CHARTER HALIBUT MANAGEMENT



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# CHARTER MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Oct

## **Charter Halibut Management Committee**

- Recommends management measures for analysis

Dec

## **Charter Halibut Management Committee Meeting**

- Receives ADF&G analysis of projected halibut removals
- Recommends a range of management measures for next year

## **AP and Council Meeting**

- Receives ADF&G analysis of projected halibut removals
- Receives Committee Report
- Recommends a range of management measures for next year

Jan

## **International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting**

- Management measures recommended along with U.S. regulations
- IPHC sets TCEY and area-specific catch limits
- Management measures chosen from the range identified

Feb

## **IPHC Regulations and Federal Register Notice for Fed Regs**

- Sets annual regulations



# ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Charter Halibut Management Committee met virtually **Oct 23, 2025**

- ✓ Received final estimates of charter halibut removals for 2024 and preliminary estimates for 2025
- ✓ Recommended management measures for analysis
- ✓ Other business: motion on Charter Halibut Permit Use



# ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Charter Halibut Management Committee met **Dec 3, 2025**

- ✓ Received a brief update on RQE – to be implemented in 2026
- ✓ Reviewed the ADF&G analysis on requested management measures
- ✓ Received public testimony
- ✓ Provided recommendations on a preferred range of management measures for 2026



**\* 24 written comments on the Committee eAgenda**



# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – AREA 2C

Under all allocations include a daily bag limit of one halibut and a reverse slot size limit where the upper limit is fixed at O80.

Step	If the allocation is between	Additional measures
1	If the allocation is at or above <b>0.858 Mlb</b>	begin with a <b>lower size limit of U37</b> and increase this limit until the allocation is reached
2	<b>0.858 Mlb</b> and <b>0.715 Mlb</b>	begin with a <b>lower size limit of U37 closing Thursday starting September 10 working to May 14</b> until the allocation is reached
3 - 7	<b>0.715 Mlb</b> and <b>0.566 Mlb</b>	begin with a <b>lower size limit of U36 closing Thursdays</b> as needed, <b>THEN</b> dropping the size limit and continuing Thursday closures as needed until the allocation is reached



Uses Table 2C.4 (page 19) and 2C.6b (page 22) in the analysis



# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - AREA 3A

All allocations 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; all Wednesdays to be closed to the retention of halibut.

Step	If the allocation is between	Additional measures
1	$\geq 1.772$ Mlb	<b>No Tuesday closures, raise the second fish to 28 inches</b> to keep charter harvest removals within the allocation
2	<b>1.771 Mlb</b> and <b>1.430 Mlb</b>	Lower the size of the second fish to <b>27 inches, close as many Tuesdays as needed</b> to keep the charter harvest removals within the allocation
3	<b>1.472 Mlb</b> and <b>1.403 Mlb</b>	Lower the size of the second fish to <b>26 inches, close as many Tuesdays as needed</b> to keep the charter harvest removals within the allocation



Uses Table 3A.13 (page 33), 3A.14, (page 34) and 3A.17 (page 36) in the analysis



# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - AREA 3A

Step	If the allocation is between	Additional measures
4	<b>1.403 Mlb and 1.327 Mlb</b>	<b>In addition to closed Tuesdays and a 26-inch second fish, adjust the start date to open between May 1 and May 29</b> as needed to keep charter harvest removals within the allocation
5	<b>1.327 Mlb and 1.243 Mlb</b>	<b>In addition to closed Tuesdays, a 26-inch second fish, and start date of May 29, adjust the season close date between Sept 28- Sept 1</b> as needed to keep charter harvest removals within the allocation
6	<b>&gt;1.243 Mlb</b>	<b>In addition to closed Tuesdays, start date of May 29, close date of Sept 1, implement a 1-fish of any size bag limit</b>



Uses Table 3A.13 (page 33), 3A.14, (page 34) and 3A.17 (page 36) in the analysis



# ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MOTION

**The Charter Halibut Management Committee voted unanimously to recommend initiation of discussion paper on Charter Halibut Permit use.**

- Detailed listed in the Oct 23, 2025 Committee Report
- Similar to a motion approved by the Committee and the AP in December 2024 (not adopted by the Council at the time)
- Understanding trends in transferable and non-transferable CHP use may provide greater understanding for latent capacity in the fleet
- This may be of particular use given the 2026 implementation of the charter halibut stamp program to fund the RQE and/or potential other actions the Council may wish to consider in the future.

