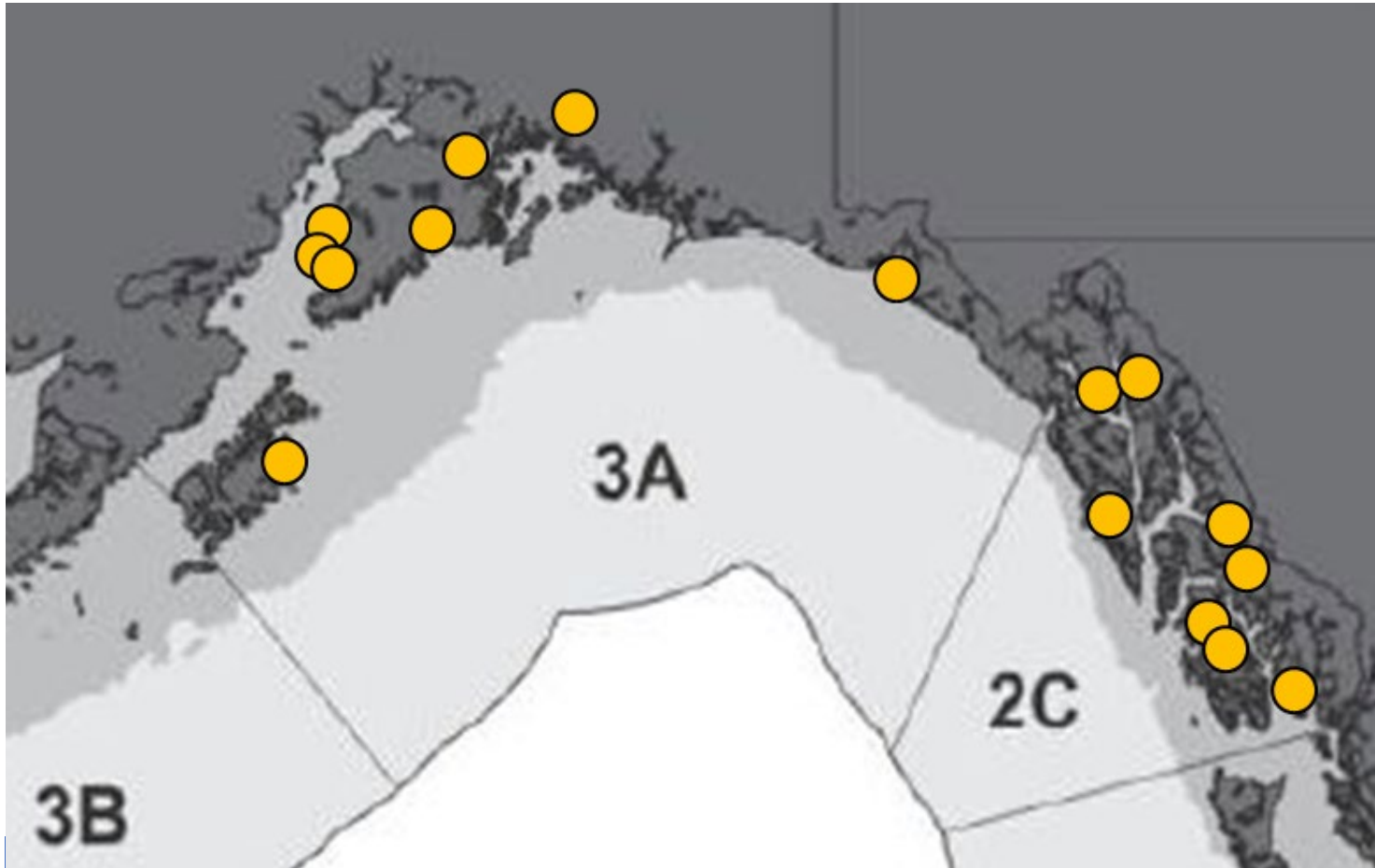


Final 2025 Harvest Estimates & Preliminary 2026 Harvest Estimates: Area 2C and 3A Charter Halibut Fisheries



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Data Sources

- Charter logbook
- Sampling at major ports
- Statewide harvest survey



2025 Final Estimates

2C 2025 Charter Regulations

- One fish bag limit
- Closed all Tuesdays from May 13 to September 9
- Reverse slot limit:
 - Less than or equal to 37 inches
 - Greater than or equal to 80 inches
- One trip with halibut harvest per CHP per day
- One trip with halibut harvest per vessel per day

Final 2C Charter Halibut Estimates for 2025

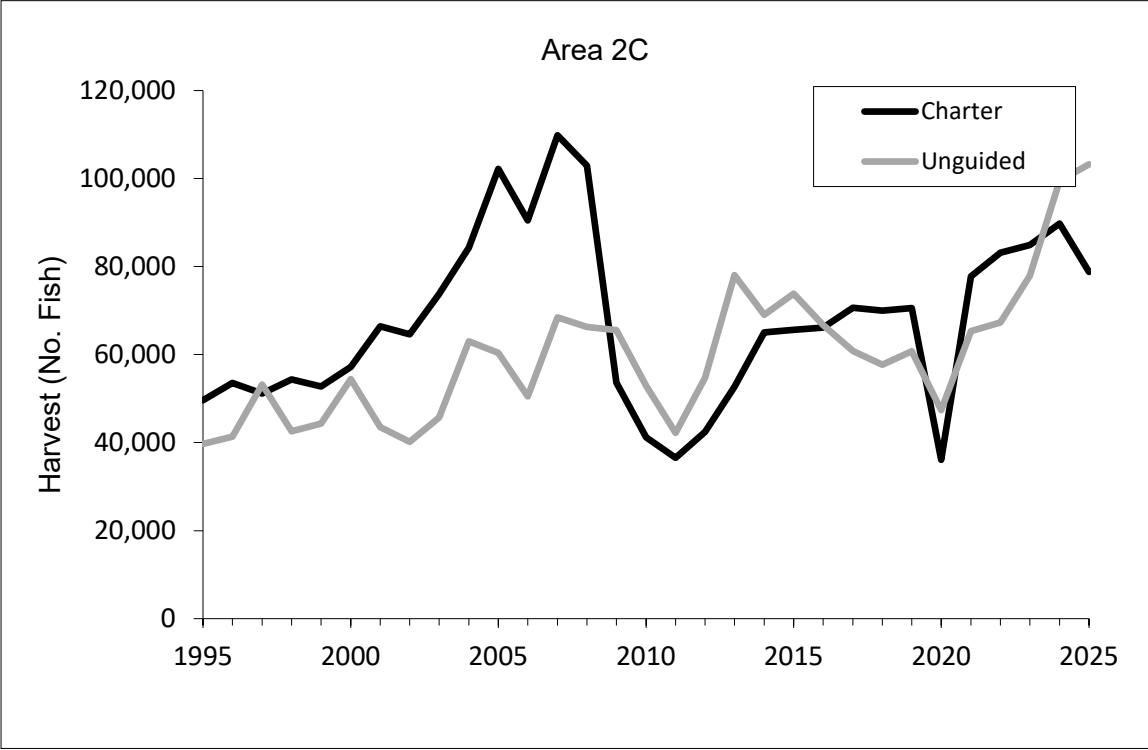
Subarea	Num Fish Charter ^a	Avg Wt Charter ^b	Yield Charter	Num Fish Unguided	Avg Wt Unguided	Yield Unguided
Ketchikan	12,342	8.28	0.102	12,268	13.74	0.169
POW Island	20,507	9.06	0.186	21,881	16.11	0.353
PBurg Wrang	1,716	15.92	0.027	22,035	15.45	0.34
Sitka	26,354	9.45	0.249	8,856	16.6	0.147
Jun Haines Skag	9,522	7.01	0.067	11,326	10.92	0.124
Glacier Bay 2C	8,378	11.17	0.094	26,866	18.64	0.501
Total 2C	78,819	9.19	0.725	103,232	15.82	1.633

From Area2C3A_Final2025 (Table 1.1)

User	Removals	Preliminary	Final	Difference Mlb	Percent Error
Charter	Yield	0.706	0.725	-0.019	-2.7%
Charter	All Rel Mort	0.028	0.025	0.003	10.7%
Charter	Total	0.734	0.750	-0.016	-2.2%
Unguided	Yield	1.339	1.633	-0.294	-22.0%
Unguided	All Rel Mort	0.024	0.024	0.000	0.0%
Unguided	Total	1.363	1.657	-0.294	-21.6%

From Area2C3A_Final2025 (Table 1.3)

2C Charter Halibut Yield and Harvest 1995 – 2025



3A 2025 Charter Regulations

- Two fish bag limit
 - One fish of any size
 - One fish less than or equal to 27 inches
- Wednesdays and Tuesdays closed to retention of halibut
- One trip with halibut harvest per CHP per day
- One trip with halibut harvest per vessel per day

Final 3A Charter Halibut Estimates for 2025

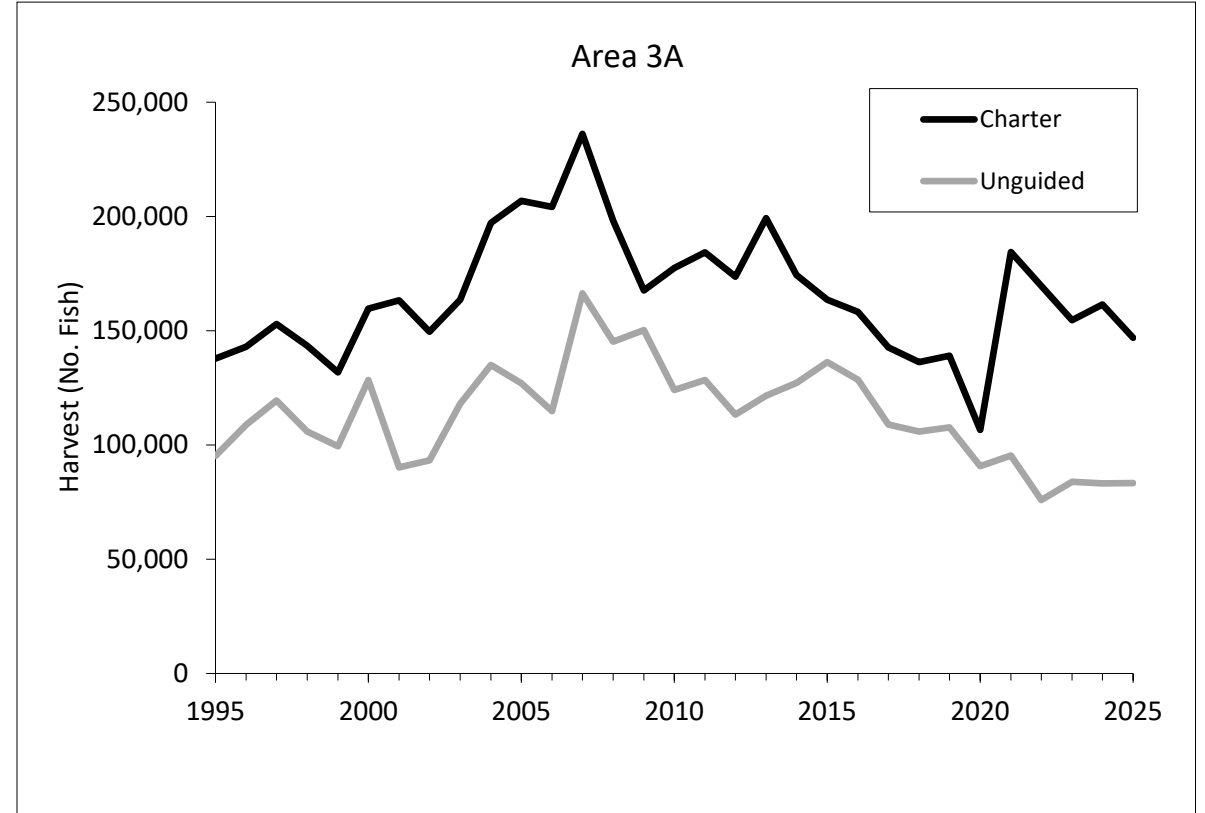
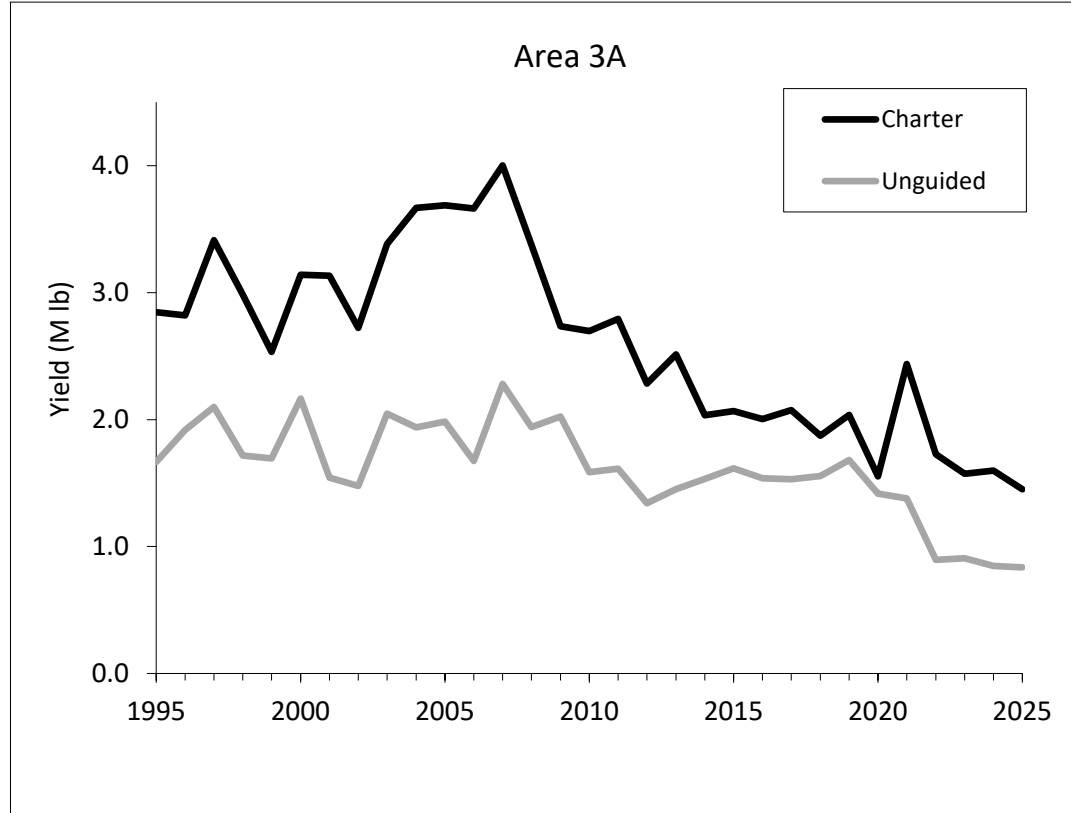
Subarea	Num Fish Charter ^a	Avg Wt Charter ^b	Yield Charter	Num Fish Unguided ^a	Avg Wt Unguided ^b	Yield Unguided
Central Cook						
Inlet	21,344	10.32	0.22	17,571	9.19	0.162
Lower Cook Inlet	66,463	9.63	0.64	31,028	9.36	0.291
Kodiak	12,525	11.96	0.15	4,265	13.49	0.058
North Gulf Coast	32,291	8.22	0.265	11,052	9.71	0.107
Eastern PWS	5,837	9.75	0.057	7,151	13.08	0.094
Western PWS	5,009	7.77	0.039	9,601	9.65	0.093
Yakutat	2,945	23.44	0.069	2,693	12.16	0.033
Glacier Bay 3A	522	21.21	0.011	NA	NA	NA
Total 3A	146,936	9.88	1.451	83,361	10.03	0.836

Area2C3A_Final2025
(Table 2.1)

User	Removals	Preliminary	Final	Difference Mlb	Percent Error
Charter	Yield	1.381	1.451	-0.07	-5.1%
Charter	All Rel Mort	0.015	0.012	0.003	20.0%
Charter	Total	1.396	1.463	-0.067	-4.8%
Unguided	Yield	0.875	0.836	0.039	4.5%
Unguided	All Rel Mort	0.022	0.012	0.01	45.5%
Unguided	Total	0.897	0.848	0.049	5.5%

Area2C3A_Final2025
(Table 2.3)

3A Charter Halibut Yield and Harvest 1995 –2025





Preliminary 2026 Estimates

2C 2026 Charter Regulations

- One fish bag limit
- Closed Tuesdays June 18 through September 10
- Reverse slot limit:
 - Less than or equal to 34 inches
 - Greater than or equal to 80 inches

3A 2026 Charter Regulations

- Two fish bag limit
 - One fish of any size
 - One fish less than or equal to 27 inches
- Closed Wednesdays and Tuesdays June 2 through August 25
- One trip with halibut harvest per CHP per day
- One trip with halibut harvest per vessel per day

Preliminary 2026 Estimates

IPHC Area	Mean Wt lb	Harvest		Release	Total	Allocation lb	Overage lb	Overage pct
		Num Fish	Yield lb	Mortality lb	Removals lb			
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%

From InfoHandoutADF&G_2026 (Table 1)

Comparison of Forecast to Preliminary Harvest Estimate

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%

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