

C1 CHARTER HALIBUT MANAGEMENT INTRO AND COMMITTEE REPORT

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VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- The Charter Halibut Management Committee met **Oct 26-27, 2021**
 - Received final estimates of charter halibut removals for 2020 and preliminary estimates for 2021
 - Recommended management measures for analysis
 - Discussed and provided recommendations on the RQE Funding Analysis
- The Charter Halibut Management Committee met **Dec 6, 2021**
 - Reviewed the ADF&G analysis on requested management measures relative to the reference TCEY catch allocation identified at the IPHC Interim meeting
 - Provided recommendations on a preferred range of management measures for 2022



ACTION UNDER C1

1. Review ADF&G analysis of proposed measures
2. Review Charter Halibut Management Committee minutes
3. Recommend preferred range of management measures for 2022



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – AREA 2C

For Area 2C, the Charter Halibut Management Committee recommends a progression of management measures in the following order as needed:

- 1) A reverse slot with an upper limit fixed at O80, and a lower limit decreased until the allocation is reached, but no lower than U40; Yield of 0.814 Mlb (rounds to status quo 0.81) (**Table 6, page 26 in ADF&G analysis of proposed harvest regulations for 2022**)
- 2) If the allocation is insufficient to maintain at least a U40 on the lower limit, add Monday closures starting September 19th and work consecutively toward the beginning of the season until a lower limit of U40 is reached; Yield of 0.689 Mlb (**Table 9, page 31**)
- 3) If a lower limit of U40 can't be reached after closing all Mondays, add an annual limit of 4-fish (Yield of 0.679 Mlb; **Table 12, page 40**), progressing to an annual limit of 3-fish, as necessary to meet the allocation (Yield of 0.648 Mlb; **Table 13, page 44**); if possible, use any unused allocation to increase the lower limit above U40 until the allocation is reached
- 4) If the allocation is not reached by closing all Mondays and a 3-fish annual limit, allow the lower limit to drop until the allocation is reached; Yield of 0.583 Mlb at U37O80 (**Table 13, page 44**)



If an annual limit is adopted in Area 2C, implement a requirement for charter anglers to record, immediately upon retaining a halibut, the date, location (IPHC area), and species (halibut) on their harvest record, consistent with the past reporting requirement in Area 3A.



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - AREA 3A

For Area 3A, the Charter Halibut Management Committee recommends:

- A two-fish daily bag limit
- One halibut of any size and a maximum size for one of the two fish at 28 inches
- One trip per CHP per day
- One trip on which halibut is harvested per vessel per day
- A prohibition on halibut charter fishing on Wednesdays, all year
- Adjust Tuesday closures according to **Table 16 and Table 17 on page 52 and 53** in ADF&G analysis of proposed harvest regulations for 2022 to bring the projected harvest within the Area 3A allocation.
 - For example, in combination with the other proposed measures:
 - 4 Tuesdays closed would result in a yield of 2.034 Mlb (**see Table 17, page 52**)
 - 8 Tuesdays closed would result in a yield of 1.928 Mlb (**see Table 17, page 52**)

For Area 3A, it is unnecessary to include a requirement to record retained halibut on the back of the license or harvest record card as an enforcement mechanism because an annual limit is not recommended for 2022.

