

C1 Charter Halibut Management Measures

Council motion

December 6, 2018

The Council recommends the following management measures for the 2019 charter halibut fishery in Area 2C and Area 3A, based on initial IPHC reference level allocations, resulting from the 2018 IPHC interim meeting.

Area 3A recommendations:

Two-fish daily bag limit

- One Halibut on any size and a maximum size of one of the two fish is 28"
- One charter vessel fishing trip per CHP per day (use of each charter halibut permit is limited to one charter halibut fishing trip per boat in one calendar day)
- 4-fish annual limit
- Prohibition on the retention of halibut on Wednesdays, all year
- **Adjust Tuesday retention closures according to Table 15 in ADF&G analysis of proposed harvest regulations for 2019 to bring the projected harvest within the Area 3A allocation.**
- **If the allocation is above 2.023 million pounds, adjust the size of the second fish, up to a maximum of 30 inches, to keep the charter harvest within their allocation.**

Continue to include a requirement to record retained halibut on the back of the license or harvest record card as an enforcement mechanism for the annual limit.

Area 2C recommendations:

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- One-fish daily bag limit
- Reverse slot limit of U38" – O80" (must be $\leq 38"$ or $\geq 80"$)

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If the allocation is above or below 0.81 M lb. adjust the lower limit of the reverse slot limit up or down to keep the projected harvest within the allocation.