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Agenda Item: C-3 Charter Halibut Measures

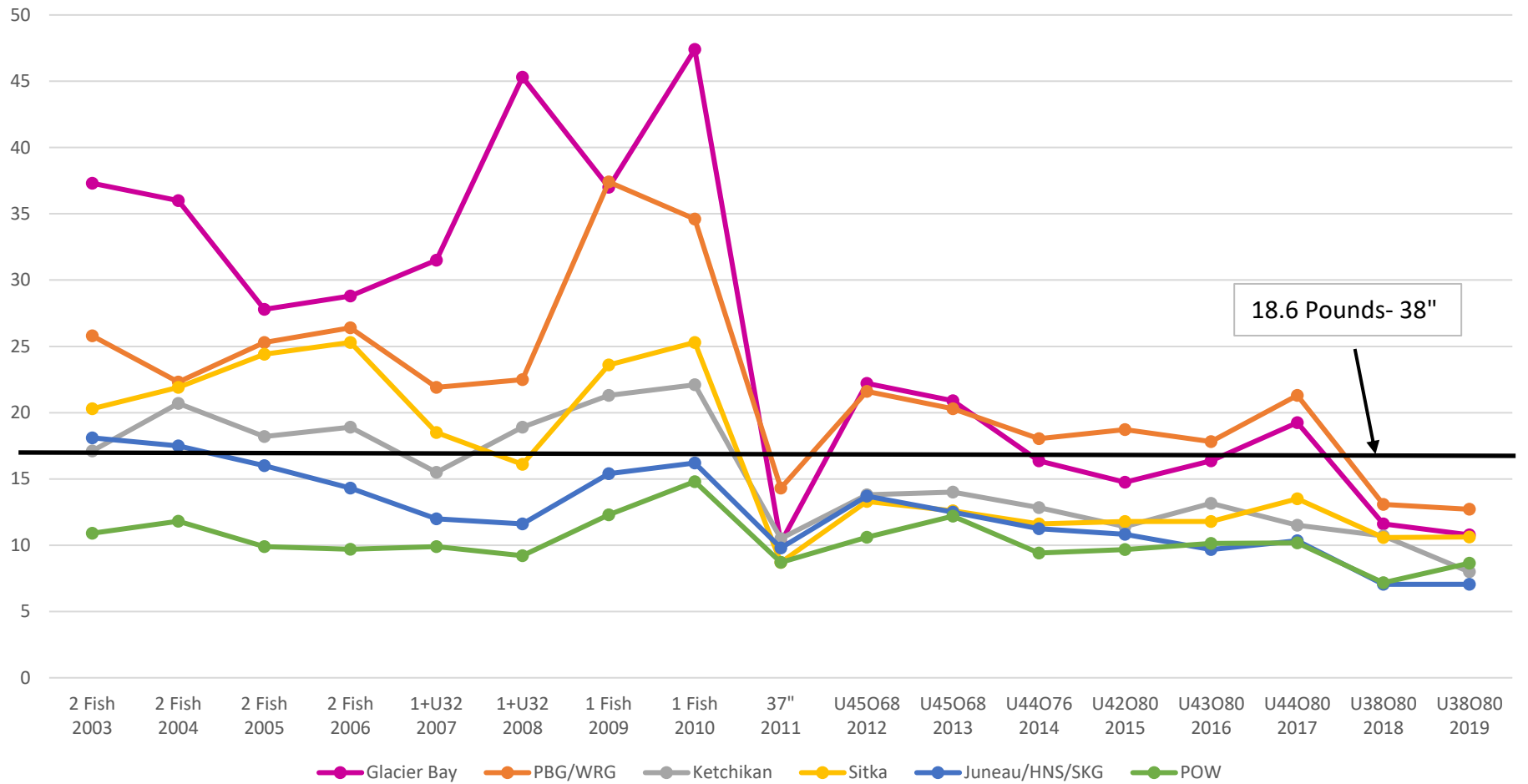
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2C Average Weight by Port (Net)



Area 2C representatives support a reverse slot limit with day closures and annual bag limits added as measures *as needed* to maintain at least a 40” maximum size on the low end of the slot. The Committee feels that 40” represents fairness to the needs of all business models in view of historical participation in the halibut fishery.

Based on analysis, the Committee **recommends** management measures for Area 2C in the following order:

- 1. A reverse slot with an upper limit fixed at O80, and a lower limit raised until the allocation is reached, but no lower than U40;**
- 2. If the allocation is insufficient to maintain at least a U40 on the lower limit, add Wednesday closures beginning on September 9th and work consecutively toward the beginning of the season until a lower limit of U40 is reached;**
- 3. If a lower limit of U40 can’t be reached after closing all Wednesdays, add a 4-fish annual limit in addition to closing all Wednesdays, and use any unused allocation to increase the lower limit above U40 until the allocation is reached;**
- 4. If a lower limit of U40 can’t be reached by closing all Wednesdays and adding a 4-fish annual limit, reduce the annual limit to 3 fish in addition to closing all Wednesdays, and use any unused allocation to increase the lower limit above U40 until the allocation is reached.**

The Committee **notes** that Area 2C has been under its allocation in four of six years since the implementation of the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) while using a reverse slot limit. The total net underage during that 2014-2019 period is 574,000 lbs. (cumulative 30%). The Committee points out that modeled catch may be biased high when projecting harvest on reverse slots with a lower maximum size limit less than U44. Because the reverse slot remains the underlying basis of the harvest measures being considered, the Committee believes it could be appropriate to consider a less restrictive size limit even if it falls slightly above the charter allocation.

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	0.943	0.028	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	<u>0.665<sup>b</sup></u>	-0.155	-19%