

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council
C-3 2020 Charter Halibut Management Recommendations Motion
December 7, 2019**

The Council recommends to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) the following management measures for IPHC regulatory areas 2C and 3A:

In Area 2C – A progression of management measures 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; Yield 0.772 million pounds.
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; Yield 0.658 million pounds.
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; Yield 0.646 million pounds.
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; Yield 0.615 million pounds.
5. If the allocation is not reached, decrease the lower limit below U40 until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.599 million pounds at U39.

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 current reporting requirement in Area 3A.

In Area 3A the preliminary recommendation is:

Status quo TCEY. Maintain status quo management measures, except:

1. Closure of Tuesdays throughout the year; and
2. Reduce size of a second fish from 28" to 26" or less;

Yield 1.696 million pounds.

For Reference TCEY, additional information needs to be provided to propose management measures to meet the harvest goal of 1.24 million pounds.

The Council requests that ADF&G staff analyze a wider range of management measure options to include combining day of the week closures and reverse slot limits to achieve harvest goals specified by the IPHC. The committee will be allowed to make a recommendation, based on that analysis, in the form of a publicly noticed teleconference taking place prior to the Council's February 2020 meeting and the IPHC's 2020 Annual Meeting. The Council intends to review and adopt the Committee's recommended management measures at the February 2020 meeting.