
ADVISORY PANEL C6 MOTION

DECEMBER 2022



C6 2023 CHARTER HALIBUT MANAGEMENT

For IPHC Areas 2C and 3A, the AP Recommends the Council adopt the following management measures:

In IPHC Area 2C:

- A reverse slot with an upper size limit fixed at O80, and a lower size limit decreased until the allocation is reached, but no lower than U40; Yield 0.867 – 1.121 million pounds (**Table 2C.5**).
- If the allocation is insufficient to maintain at least a U40 on the lower size limit, add Monday closures starting September 18 and work consecutively toward the beginning of the season until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.867 - 0.734 million pounds (**Table 2C.8.b**).
- If a lower size limit of U40 can't be reached after closing all Mondays, add an annual limit of 3 fish as necessary to meet the allocation (Yield 0.693 million pounds); if possible, use any unused allocation to increase the lower size limit above U40 until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.686 – 0.723 million pounds (**Table 2C.10.b**).
- If the allocation is not reached by closing all Mondays and a 3-fish annual limit, allow the lower size limit to decrease from U40 until the allocation is reached; Yield 0.564 – 0.686 million pounds (**Table 2C.10.b**).

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



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For IPHC Area 3A:

All allocations shown below include, unless otherwise specified: a daily bag limit of 2 halibut; with no annual limit per charter angler; 1 trip per halibut charter vessel per day; and 1 trip per charter halibut permit per day.

- If the allocation is less than 2.37 Mlb, but greater than or equal to 2.075 Mlb:
 - A daily bag limit of 2 halibut, with one fish of any size, and one fish less than or equal to 28 inches;
 - Adjust the number of Wednesdays closed to retention of halibut, with a second fish of 28” or less, according to **Table 3A.13 (page 74)** in ADF&G analysis of proposed charter halibut management measures for 2023, to bring the projected removals within the Area 3A charter halibut allocation.
- If the allocation is less than 2.075 Mlb, but greater than 1.75 Mlb: in addition to all closed Wednesdays, close as many Tuesdays as needed to keep the charter removals within their allocation (**Table 3A.5, page 65**)
 - Should the allocation be below 1.75 Mlb: lower the size of the second fish to as low as 26 inches associated with an allocation of 1.69Mlb

Motion passed 16-0

