

Council Motion
C1 Charter Halibut Management Measures motion
December 8, 2021

The Council recommends the following management measures for the 2022 charter halibut fishery in Area 2C and Area 3A, based on initial IPHC reference level allocations, resulting from the 2021 IPHC interim meeting.

Area 3A recommendations:

- Two-fish daily bag limit.
- One halibut of any size and a maximum size for one of the two fish is 28 inches.
- 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).
- Prohibition on halibut charter fishing on Wednesdays, all year.
- Adjust Tuesday closures according to Table 17 on page 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 closed Tuesdays closed would result in a harvest of 2.034 Mlb
 - 8 Tuesdays closed would result in a harvest of 1.928 Mlb

In 2022, 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 for the annual limit for 2022.

Area 2C recommendations:

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; Harvest of 0.814 Mlb (rounds to status quo 0.81 Mlb (Table 6, Page 26)
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 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 0.679 Mlb), progressing to an annual limit of 3-fish, as necessary to meet the allocation (Yield 0.648 Mlb); if possible, use any unused allocation to increase the lower limit above U40 until the allocation is reached (Table 13, Page 44) .
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 0.583 Mlb at U37/O80.(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.