

C-1 Charter Halibut Management Measures
Final Council Motion
December 8, 2016

The Council recommends the following charter halibut management measures for implementation in 2017 in Areas 2C and 3A:

Area 2C

The Council recommends the following management measures be implemented with a one-fish bag limit.

- If the halibut charter allocation is at the Blue Line, implement a reverse slot limit (U40:O80), with an annual limit of 3 halibut with a recording requirement.
- If the halibut charter allocation is below the Blue Line, implement an annual limit of 3 fish with a recording requirement, and a reverse slot limit with a maximum size limit of 80". Incrementally reduce the lower size limit until projected harvest falls within the allocation.
- If the halibut charter allocation is above the Blue Line, but below SPR, implement a reverse slot limit of U40:O80 and an annual limit of 5 fish with a recording requirement. Select a lower limit for the reverse slot to allow the largest lower limit while maintaining the projected harvest within the allocation.
- If halibut charter allocation is at or above the SPR, implement an upper reverse slot limit of O80 and select a lower limit for the reverse slot to allow the largest lower limit while maintaining the projected harvest within the allocation. No annual limit.

Area 3A

The Council recommends the following 2016 management measures also be implemented in 2017; a two fish bag limit with a maximum size limit of one fish of 28 inches; an annual limit of four fish (with a recording requirement); Wednesdays closed all year; status quo trip limits.

In addition, the following are new management measures recommended for 2017. Assuming a 1.32% reduction in charter halibut harvest for each Tuesday closed during the season, the Council recommends closing the minimum number of Tuesdays required to bring the projected charter removals below the charter allocation, as described in the table below, and as specified in the catch sharing plan.

| No. closed Tuesdays | Projected Charter Removals (Mlbs) | Dates |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 0 | 1.951 | NA |
| 1 | 1.925 | July 25 |
| 2 | 1.899 | Jul 25 - Aug 1 |
| 3 | 1.874 | Jul 18 - Aug 1 |
| 4 | 1.848 | Jul 11 - Aug 1 |
| 5 | 1.822 | Jul 11 - Aug 8 |
| 6 | 1.796 | Jul 4 - Aug 8 |
| 7 | 1.771 | Jul 4 - Aug 15 |
| 8 | 1.745 | Jun - 27 - Aug 15 |

Amended motion passed unanimously