

C-1 Charter Halibut Management Measures
Council Motion
December 6, 2017

The Council recommends the following charter halibut management measures for implementation in 2018 in Areas 2C and 3A:

Area 2C

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

If the allocation is 0.69 million pounds:

- U35:080 no annual limit.

If the allocation is below 0.69 million pounds:

- 4 fish annual limit, U35:080, and if necessary 3 fish annual limit, U35:080

If the allocation is above 0.69 million pounds:

- No annual limit, and increase lower slot limit as allowed to stay within allocation.

Area 3A

Status quo measures include two fish bag limit, including one fish any size and 28" maximum size limit on one fish, 4 fish annual limit, one trip per CHP per day, one trip per vessel per day, Wednesdays closed all year, 3 Tuesdays closed between July 24 and August 7.

If the allocation is 1.70 million pounds:

- Status quo measures plus close 7 additional Tuesdays as outlined in the attached Table 11 (June 19-Aug 21).

If the allocation is higher or lower than 1.70 million pounds:

- Increase or decrease Tuesday closures to remain within the allocation, as described in Table 11 below.

Table 11. Estimated potential harvest reductions and projected removals associated with status quo management measures combined with additional Tuesday closures during June through August of 2018. Status quo management measures include one fish any size, 28-inch maximum on second fish, four fish annual limit, vessel and permit trip limits, Wednesday closure, and Tuesdays closed three days. Projections include corrections for errors in estimation of average weight and an additional 1.2% release mortality by weight. Shaded values represent projections that do not exceed the 1.70 Mlb allocation associated with the reference SPR.

Number of Closed Tuesdays	Beginning and Ending Dates	Percentage reduction in harvest relative to status quo	Projected Harvest (no. Fish)	Projected Removals (Mlb)
3 (Status quo)	Jul 24 - Aug 07	0.0%	136,734	1.855
4	Jul 17 - Aug 07	-1.3%	134,986	1.830
5	Jul 17 - Aug 14	-2.5%	133,298	1.808
6	Jul 10 - Aug 14	-4.1%	131,068	1.777
7	Jul 03 - Aug 14	-5.5%	129,257	1.752
8	Jul 03 - Aug 21	-6.4%	127,977	1.736
9	Jun 26 - Aug 21	-7.6%	126,313	1.712
10	Jun 19 - Aug 21	-8.8%	124,686	1.689
11	Jun 19 - Aug 28	-9.5%	123,794	1.677
12	Jun 12 - Aug 28	-10.4%	122,449	1.659
13	Jun 05 - Aug 28	-11.2%	121,391	1.645
47 (all season)	Feb 01 - Dec 31	-13.2%	118,749	1.608

(from Meyer and Powers, 2018. Analysis of Management Options for the Area 2C and 3A Charter Halibut Fisheries for 2018. Report to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council)