

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dan Hull, Chairman
Chris Oliver, Executive Director
Telephone (907) 271-2809
www.npfmc.org



605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306
Anchorage, AK 99501-2252
Fax (907) 271-2817

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Charter Management Implementation Committee met on October 24, 2016 in Anchorage, AK to identify potential management measures to keep charter halibut harvest within the sector's allocation. Proposed measures will be analyzed, if possible, by ADF&G biologists to estimate their impact on the Area 2C and Area 3A charter halibut harvest.

Committee: Andy Mezirow (Chairman), Richard Yamada, Steve Zernia, Daniel Donich, Matt Kopec, Seth Bone (phone), Mike Flores (phone), Kent Huff (phone), Stan Malcom (phone)

Other participants: Robert Powers, Paul Ewing, Jody Mason, Trent Hartill, James Hasbrouck, James Akana, Nate Smith, Sarah Marinnan, Samantha Weinstein, Dave Jones, Tom Taube, Timothy Cashman, Tom Gemmell, Claude Dykstra (phone), Julie Scheurer, Jamie Goen, Scott Meyer

The list of potential management measures requested for analysis for each area follows. Measures could be combined in some cases. An analysis will be prepared for the committee's next meeting on December 7, 2016 and for Council consideration at its December 2016 meeting.

Area 2C potential management measures (all with a one-fish daily bag limit):

1. Reverse slot limit.
2. Reverse slot limit, potentially combined with annual limit.
3. Maximum size limit, potentially combined with an annual limit.

Area 3A potential management measures (all with a one trip per day limit, two-fish daily bag limit unless otherwise noted, 4-fish annual limit, and Wednesday closure):

1. Maximum size limit on one fish, potentially combined with an annual limit
 - a. Maximum size 30-26"
 - b. Annual limit 4+
2. Additional day of the week closure from July 1 – Aug 15
3. If possible to analyze; one-fish halibut bag limit for July
 - a. Option to extend one-fish daily limit from Mid Jun – Mid Aug
4. Status quo with reverse slot limit on one fish, second fish 28 or under
 - a. U28 – U60
 - b. O65 – O80

ADF&G biologists demonstrated a prototype electronic logbook for charter halibut vessels.

AFSC staff informed the committee of a meeting with the agency's recreational fishery policy advisor to be held in Anchorage, AK on Wednesday, December 7 from 6 – 8 PM at the 49th State Brewery.

Attendees are responsible for their own refreshments.