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Dear Recreational Halibut Angler:

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) met in Seattle, Washington this week to consider proposed changes to the Council's Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) for 2019.

The Council approved all of the changes recommended by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) at the September meeting. Changes for consideration include revising the season opening date and the days open per week for the Columbia River subarea (Marine Area 1) and revising the structure of the nearshore fishery in the south coast subarea (Marine Area 2). Please see the WDFW report (attached) for more details.

The Council will approve final changes to the CSP at their meeting on November 1-8, 2018, in San Diego, California, giving time for the state agencies to work with stakeholders to discuss and refine the changes approved for public review at the September Council meeting and discuss halibut season dates for 2019. To facilitate additional input, we have scheduled a meeting for October 9, 2018, at the Montesano City Hall starting at 9:00 AM. The Montesano City Hall is located at 112 N. Main Street, Montesano, WA, 98563.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Heather.Reed@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Heather.Reed@dfw.wa.gov) or (360) 902-2487.

Sincerely,

Heather Reed  
Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator

cc: Michele Culver

2018 Washington sport halibut summary by subarea

		Quota	Catch	Difference
<b>North Coast</b>				
Open: May 11, 13, 25, 27, June 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 30	<b>NC Total</b>	111,632	110,929	703
<b>South Coast</b>				
Open: May 11, 13, 25, 27, June 21	<i>All depth</i>	44,341	54,149	-9,808
Open: June 2 - 6	<i>Nearshore</i>	2,000	614	1,386
	<b>SC total</b>	46,341	54,763	-8,422
<b>Columbia River (includes WA and OR)</b>				
Open: May 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, June 21	<i>All depth</i>	11,182	15,661	-4,479
Open: Mon - Wed May 7 through June 21	<i>Nearshore</i>	500	173	327
	<b>CR total</b>	11,682	15,834	-4,152
<b>Puget Sound</b>				
Open: May 11, 13, 25, 27, June 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 30	<b>PS total</b>	60,995	42,093	18,902
<b>Washington Sport Total</b>	<b>WA total</b>	<b>230,650</b>	<b>223,619</b>	<b>7,031</b>

Number of Washington recreational halibut season days by subarea (2012-2018)

Year	Puget Sound	North Coast	South Coast	SC nearshore	Columbia River	CR nearshore
2012	26	7	5	35	33	27
2013	14	4	5	0	39	27
2014	11	4	5	13	56	32
2015	11	3	4	7	19	28
2016	8	6	4	21	19	18
2017	9	9	5	0	14	8
2018	10	10	5	5	5	36

Comparison of halibut catches relative to quotas in the incidental sablefish and Washington recreational fisheries

Year	Incidental Sablefish			WA Recreational Subarea Catch Results						Total
	Quota	Catch	Difference	Puget Sound	North Coast	South Coast	Columbia R.	Rec. Total		
2012	21,173	4,867	16,306	-27,856	2,551	272	3,937	-21,096	-4,790	
2013	21,410	14,529	6,881	-36,557	174	653	5,427	-30,303	-23,422	
2014	14,274	12,067	2,207	-49,158	-3,972	-3,164	2,655	-53,639	-51,432	
2015	10,348	9,763	585	-38,198	13,332	6	914	-23,946	-23,361	
2016	49,686	29,499	20,187	-45,306	613	-1,046	-1,386	-47,125	-26,938	
2017	70,000	12,792	57,208	4,840	15,189	-10,754	-1,215	8,060	65,268	
2018	50,000	25,000	25,000	18,902	703	-8,422	-4,152	7,031	32,031	

2018 incidental sablefish is preliminary

Washington Recreational Halibut Meeting  
Montesano City Hall  
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October 8, 2018

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