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# Public Meeting on the 2025 Recreational Pacific Halibut Fishery

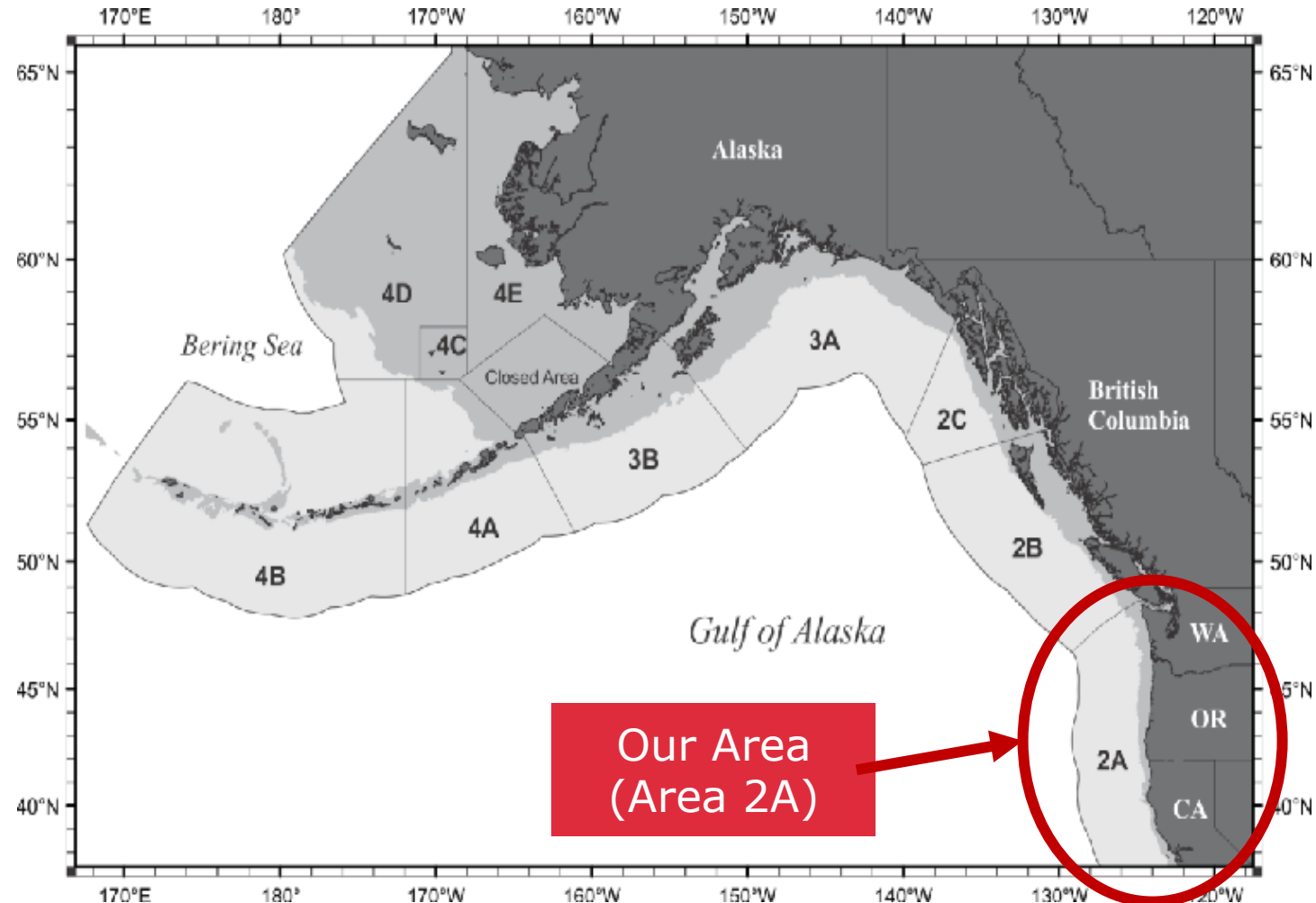
October 2, 2024



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# Meeting Outline

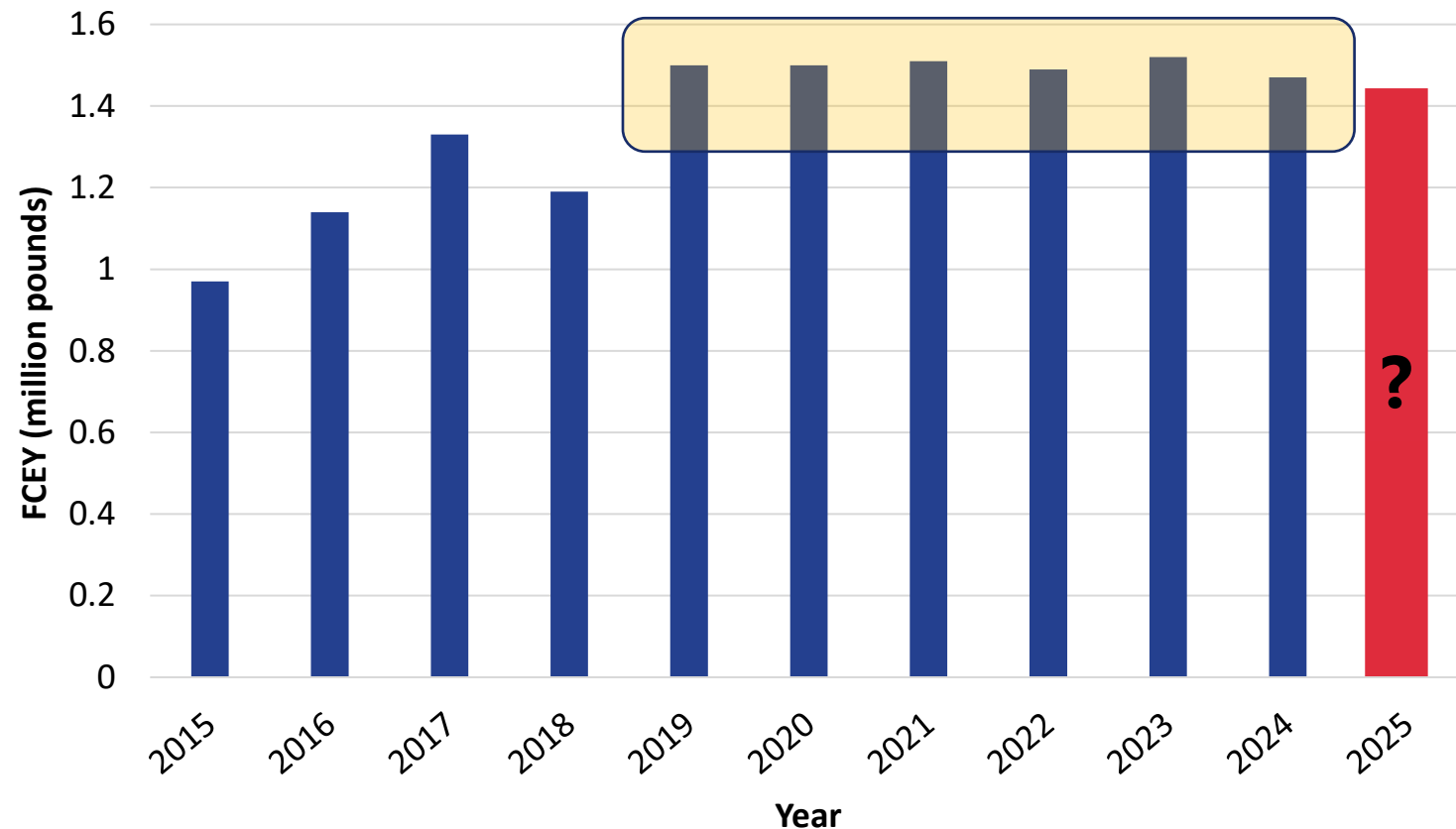
- Area 2A allocations
- Catch Sharing Plan Process
- Proposed changes to the 2025 recreational Pacific halibut fishery
  - Finalized in November
- Discussions on which proposal(s) Oregon anglers would like to see implemented

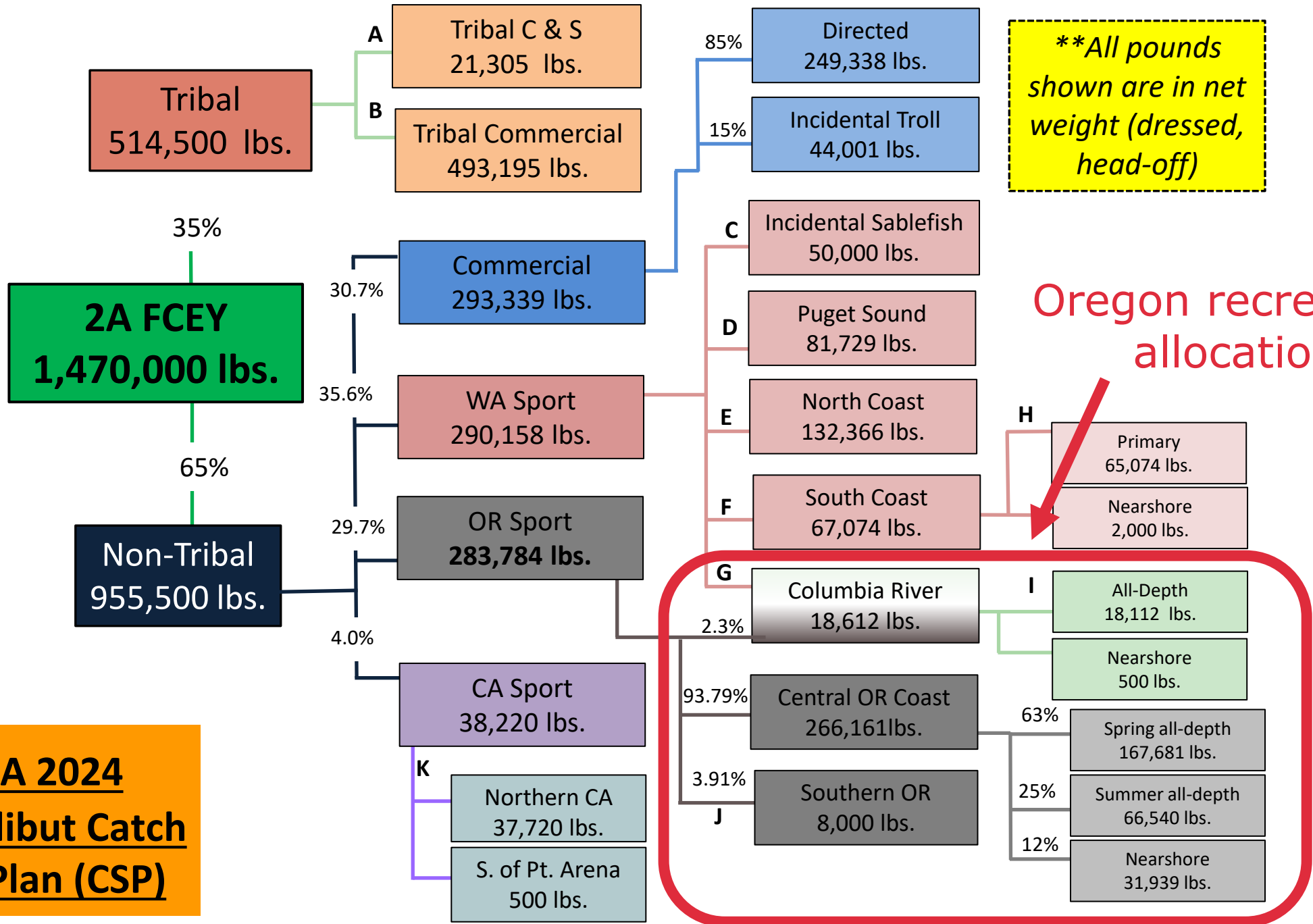


# Area 2A Allocation

- 2018 through 2024
  - 1.5 million lbs. allocation
  - Stabilized fisheries
  - No biological concern
  - Low compared to AK & BC
- **2025 quota is unknown**
  - Determined by IPHC in January 2025
  - **A lower quota is a very real possibility for next year**

Area 2A Annual Fishery Constant Exploitable Yield (FCEY)





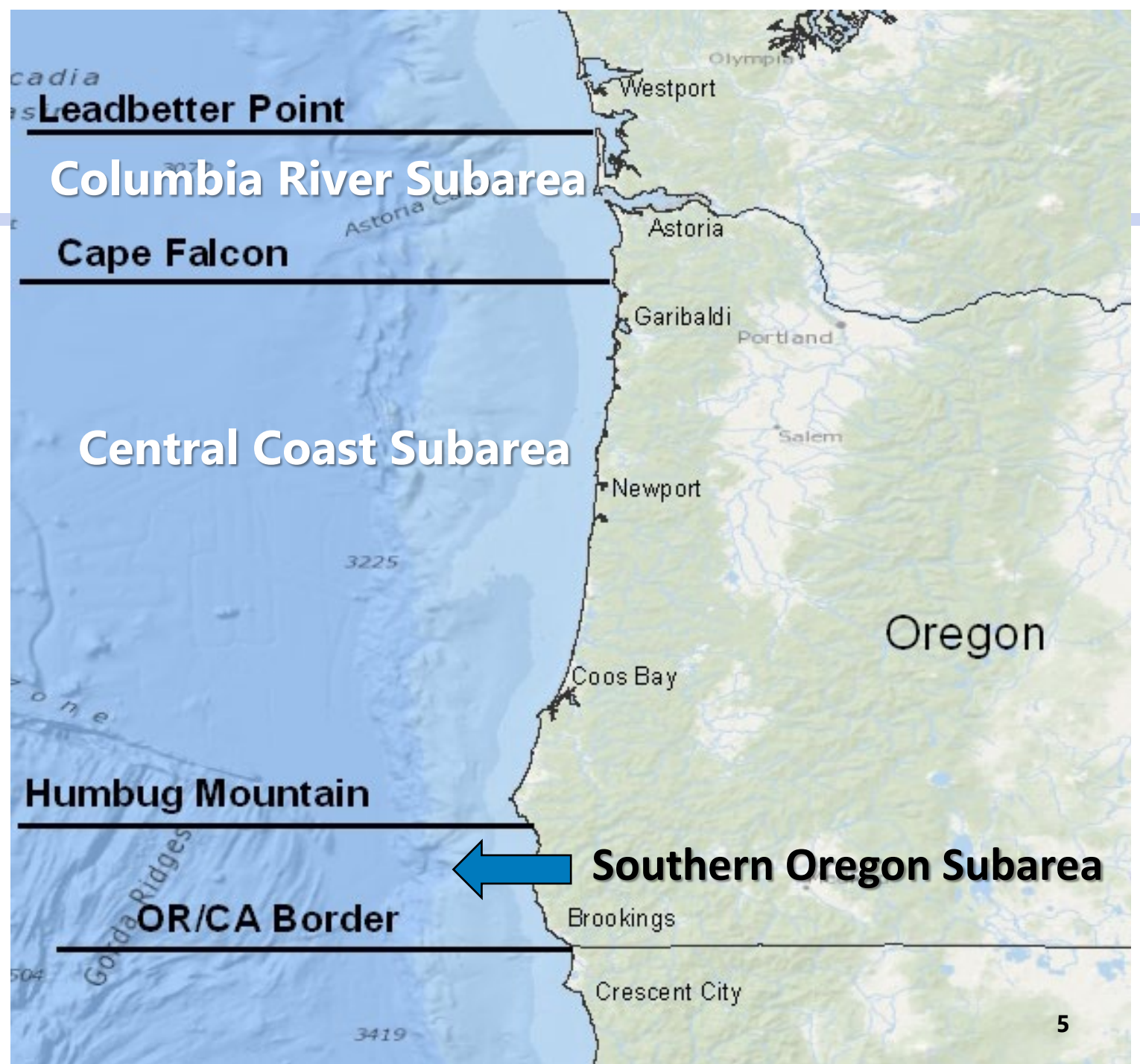
**\*\*All pounds shown are in net weight (dressed, head-off)**

**Oregon recreational allocations**

**Area 2A 2024 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP)**



Oregon has 3 subareas for the recreational Pacific halibut fishery



# Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) Process

- July/August: ODFW solicits public input for CSP changes
- September: Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) preliminarily adopts changes for further public comment
- **Current Step in the Process: ODFW solicits public input on specific proposals forwarded by the Council**
- November: The Council adopts final changes
- January: The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) sets the fishing quota at their Annual Meeting





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# Proposed Changes for the 2025 Pacific Halibut CSP Forwarded by the Council



# Proposal 1. Columbia River Subarea

- Status Quo: All-depth fishing allowed up to three days per week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday) during the months of May and June
  - If quota remains, open up to seven days per week in August and September
- **Option 1** : All-depth fishing allowed up to three days per week (Thursday, Friday, and Sunday) during the months of May and June, with two days per week, Monday and Tuesday, as backup dates in June.
  - If quota remains, open up to seven days per week in August and September
- **Option 2** : Same as Option 1 but the fishery would not open on Monday, June 23 or Tuesday, June 24.





# Proposal 2. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: The nearshore season sub-quota is 12 percent of the Central Oregon Coast subarea quota if the 2A FCEY is 700,000 lbs or greater, or 25 percent of the Central Oregon Coast subarea quota if the 2A FCEY is less than 700,000 lbs.
- **Option 1:** If Regulatory Area 2A FCEY is 1,200,000 lbs. or greater, allocate 10,000 pounds of sub-quota to the Central Oregon Coast nearshore fishery and shift the remaining sub-quota to the Central Oregon Coast subarea all-depth seasons.
  - Other indicators in the Status Quo still apply



## Proposal 3. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: The CSP specifies two-day openers (Friday and Saturday) and three-day openers (Thursday through Saturday) for both the spring and summer all-depth seasons depending on quota.
- **Option 1:** Remove language from the CSP limiting the Central Oregon Coast subarea all-depth seasons to a two or three-day opener per week.



# Proposal 4. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: The Central Oregon Coast subarea summer all-depth fishery begins on the first Friday (or Thursday if quota) in August.
- **Option 1:** The Central Oregon Coast subarea summer all-depth fishery begins on August 1.



# Proposal 5. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: If Central Oregon Coast Subarea all-depth summer season sub-quota is less than 60,000 lbs, then the fishery is structured to be open every other week on Friday and Saturday
  - Week(s) may be skipped to avoid adverse tidal conditions.
- **Option 1:** If the entire Central Oregon Coast subarea quota is below 50,000 pounds prior to August 1, the summer all-depth season will be open every other week.



# Proposal 6. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: If the entire Central Oregon Coast subarea quota is 30,000 pounds or greater following Labor Day weekend, the fishery will re-open on every Thursday (if quota), Friday, and Saturday.
- **Option 1:** If the entire Central Oregon Coast subarea quota is 30,000 pounds or greater following Labor Day weekend, the summer all-depth season will be open every week.







# Next Steps

- Compile input received
- Develop ODFW recommendations
- Provide a report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory bodies
  - Summary of public input
  - ODFW recommendations
- Council will take final action at their November meeting





# Thank you

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## PACIFIC HALIBUT TAGGING REMINDER

**IMMEDIATELY** upon landing and keeping a Pacific halibut or salmon, you need to **record the fish on your Combined Angling Tag**



### Immediately means:

- Prior to rebaiting and putting the rod back out to fish
- Before taking a snack or drink break
- Not 5, 10, or 15 minutes later
- Do not wait until you are on the way back to the dock



If using electronic tagging, make sure to download the MyODFW app and log in before you leave the dock

- If you are in an area with poor cell service, toggle the app to offline mode (under Settings) or put your phone in Airplane mode
- Once the app is open, you can record your fish
- When you get back into cell service, toggle back to online mode in the app, and it will upload tagged fish to the system

**To provide public comment regarding the 2025 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan:**

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