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Public Meeting on the 2027 Recreational Pacific Halibut Seasons

Meeting will begin
at 6:00 pm

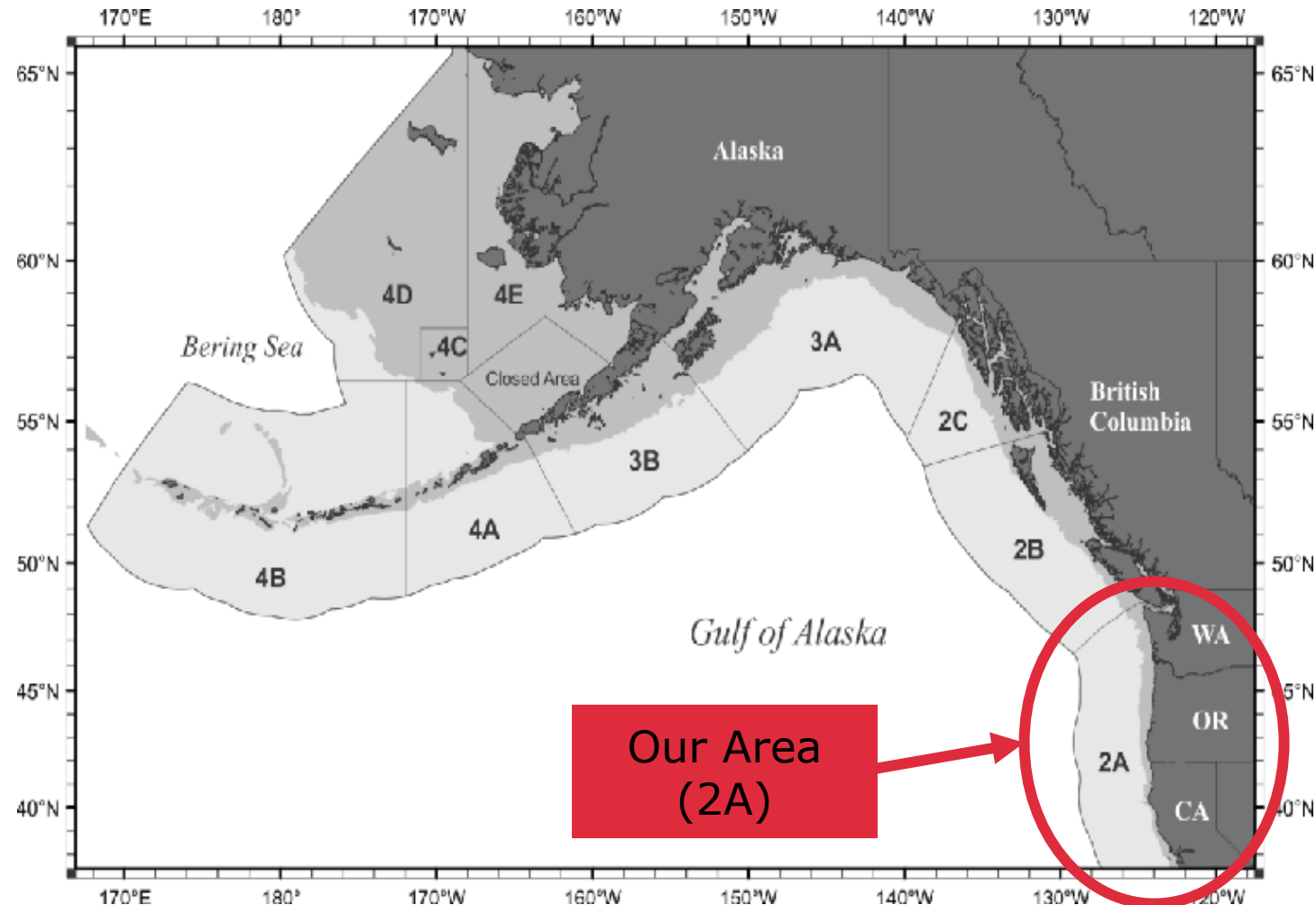
July 29, 2026



Photo by John Harrison

Meeting Outline

- Status of the Pacific halibut stock
- Area 2A allocations
- Recent suggested changes
- Discussion for 2027

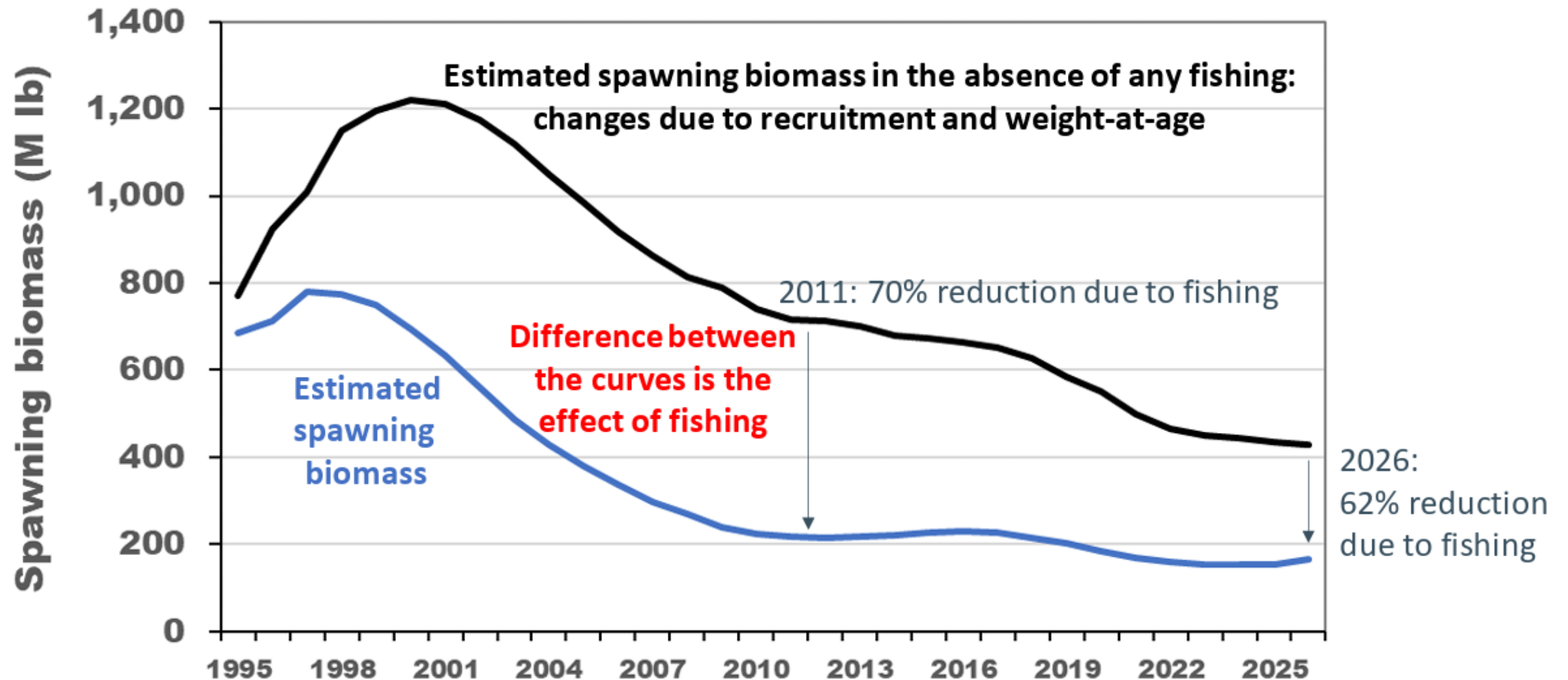


IPHC Annual Meeting Results

- Coastwide indices remain low
 - Alaska and BC fisheries have reduced impacts to the stock by reducing the mortality limit from 41.2M lbs in 2022 to 29.7M lbs in 2025
 - BC fisheries took an additional 7% reduction to their mortality limit in 2026 bringing the coastwide mortality limit to 29.3M lbs
 - West Coast (WA, OR and CA) have remained constant since 2019
- Both the IPHC survey and fisheries coastwide show that the 2016 and 2017 year-classes were important to catches
 - Very low recruitment since 2006 continues to reduce the short-term productivity of the stock



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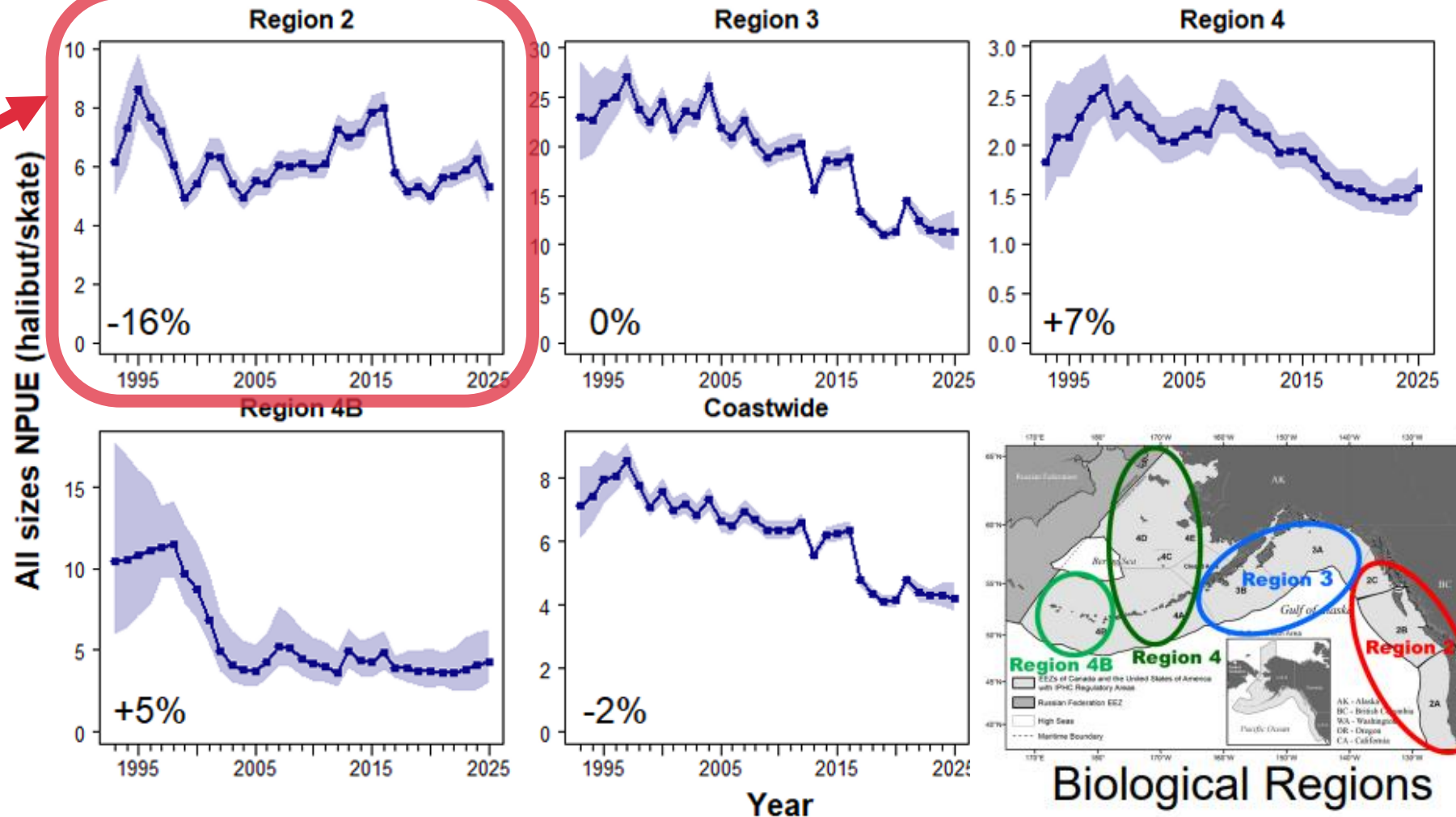
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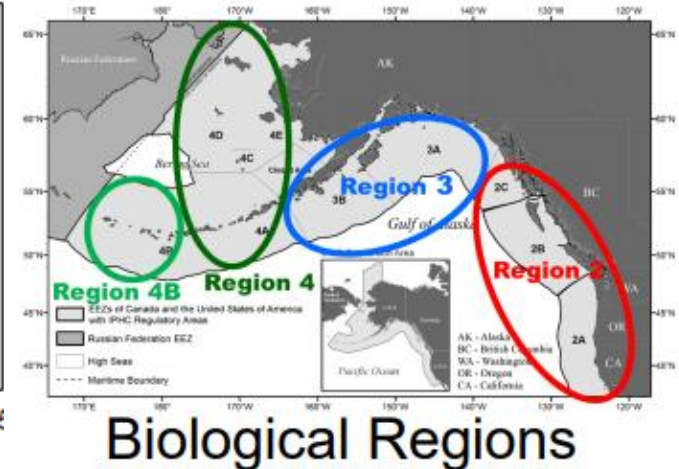
Modelled Survey Trends (Numbers)

Our area

Estimated % change from 2024 to 2025 is shown in bottom left



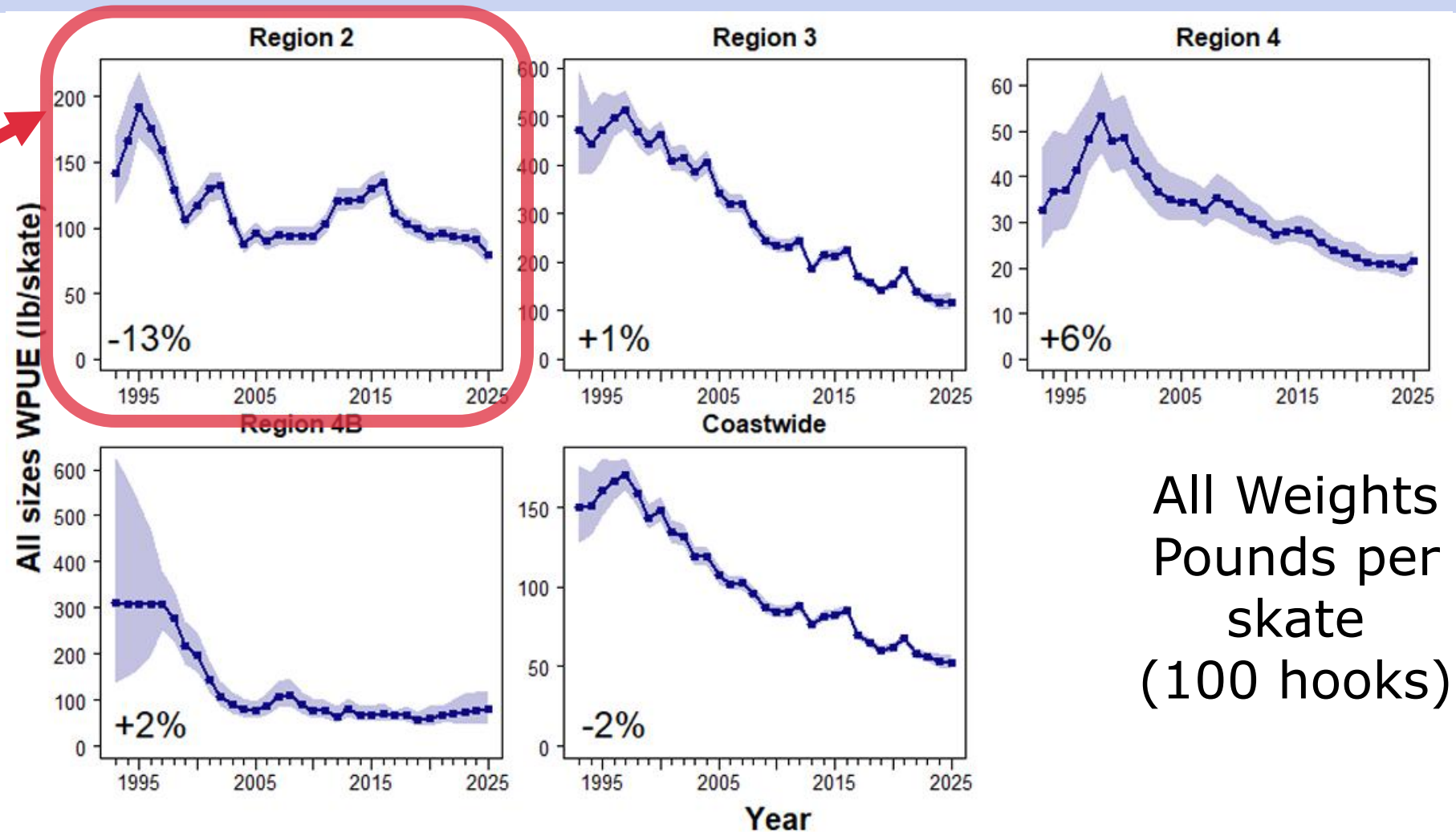
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Modelled Survey Trends (Weight)

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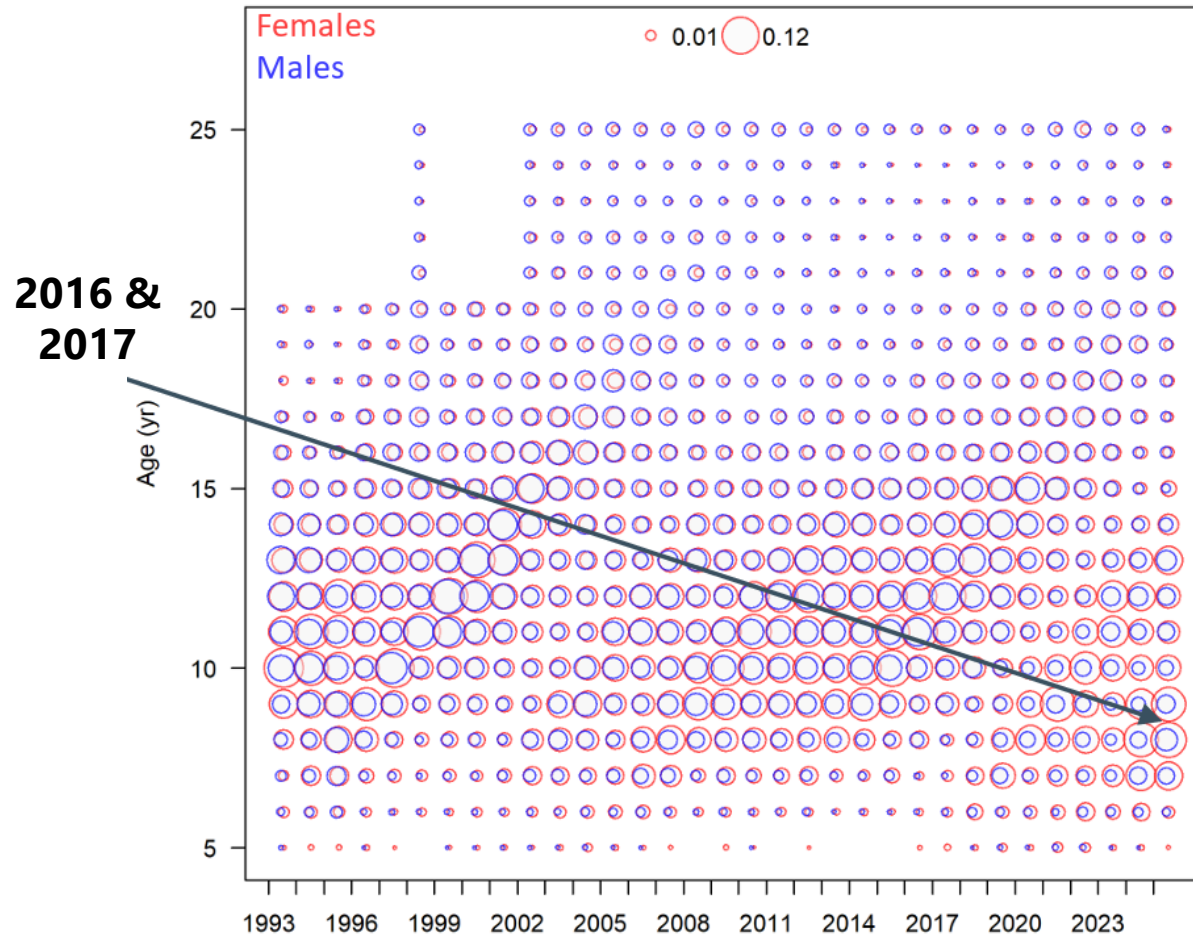


All Weights
Pounds per
skate
(100 hooks)

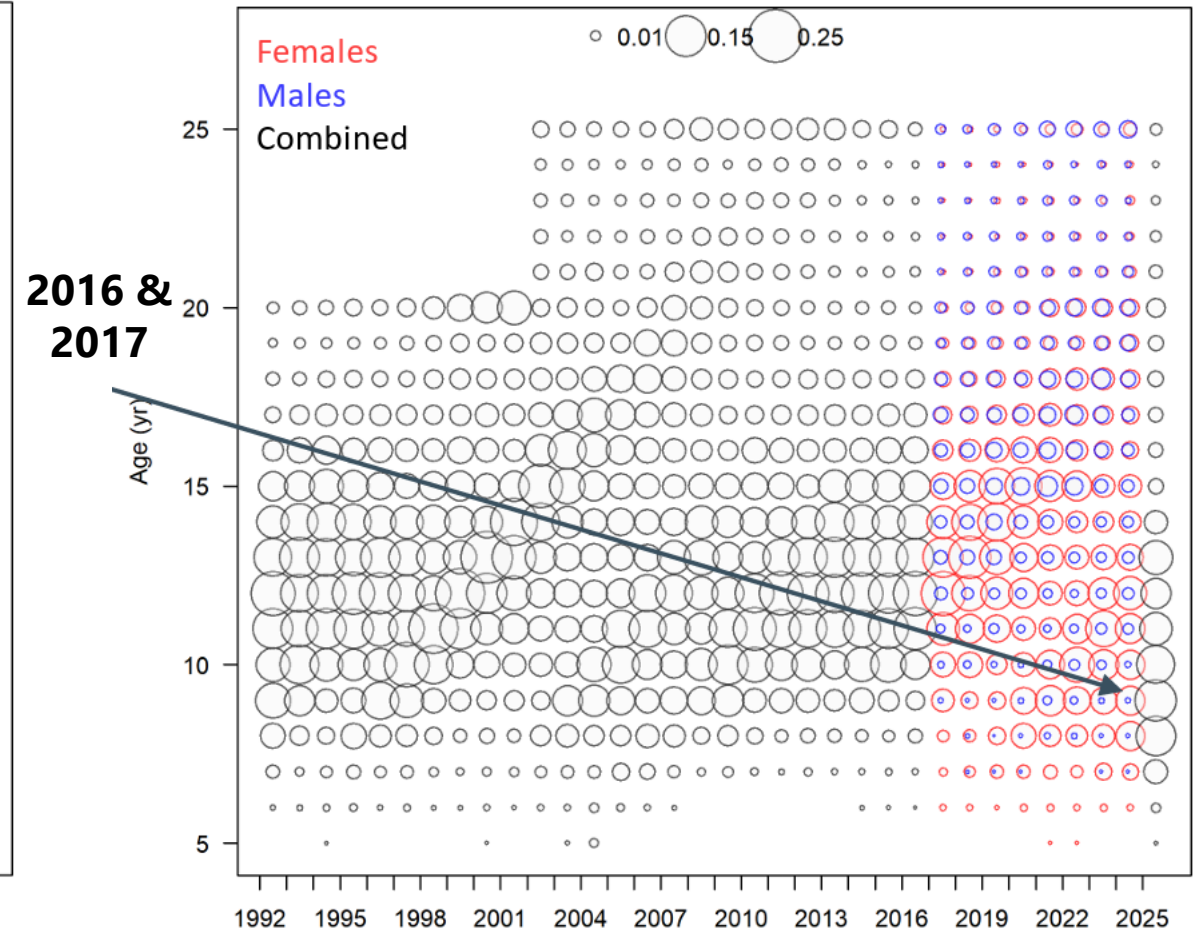
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Age Trends (in weight)



Fishery Independent Setline Survey



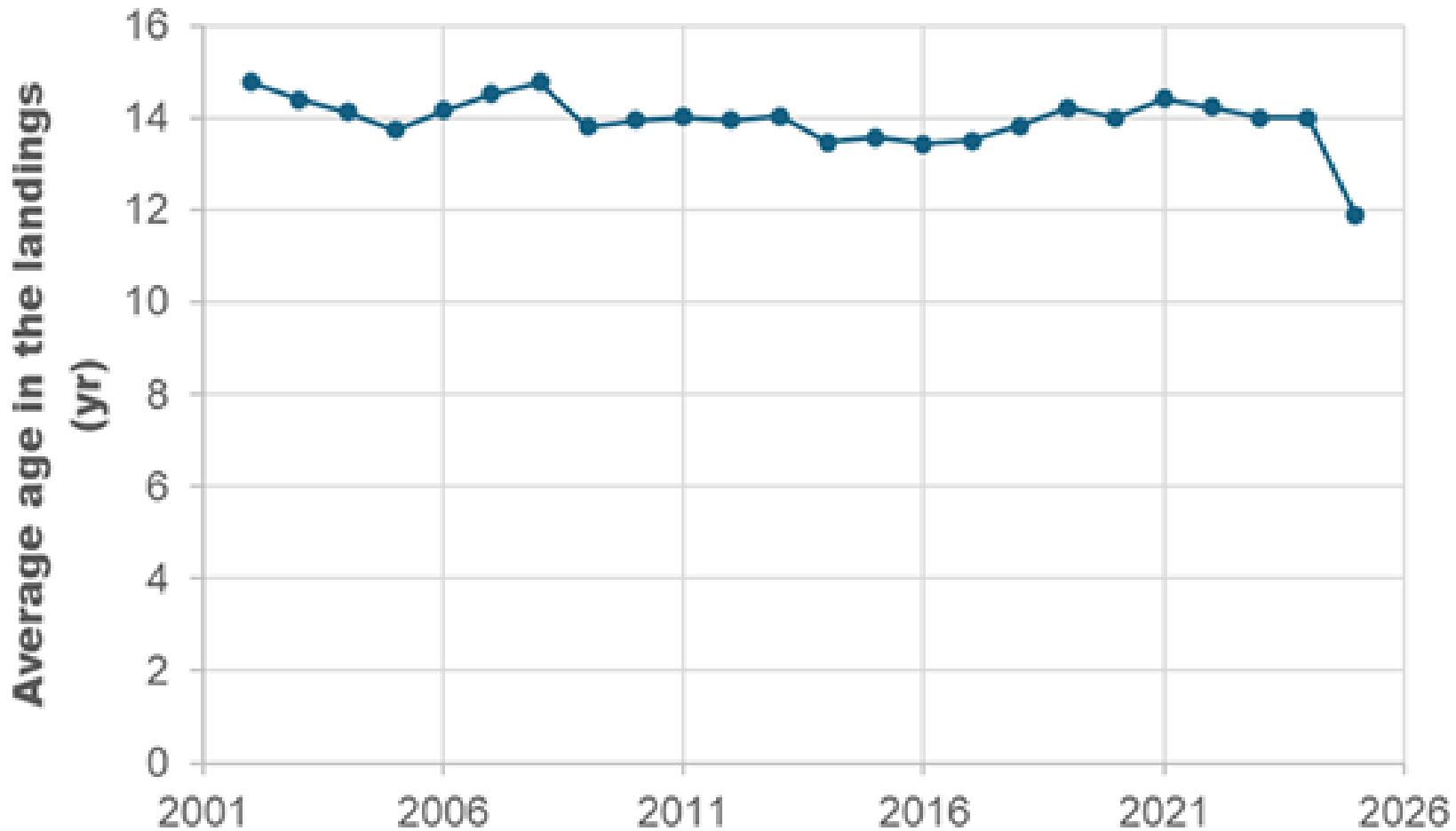
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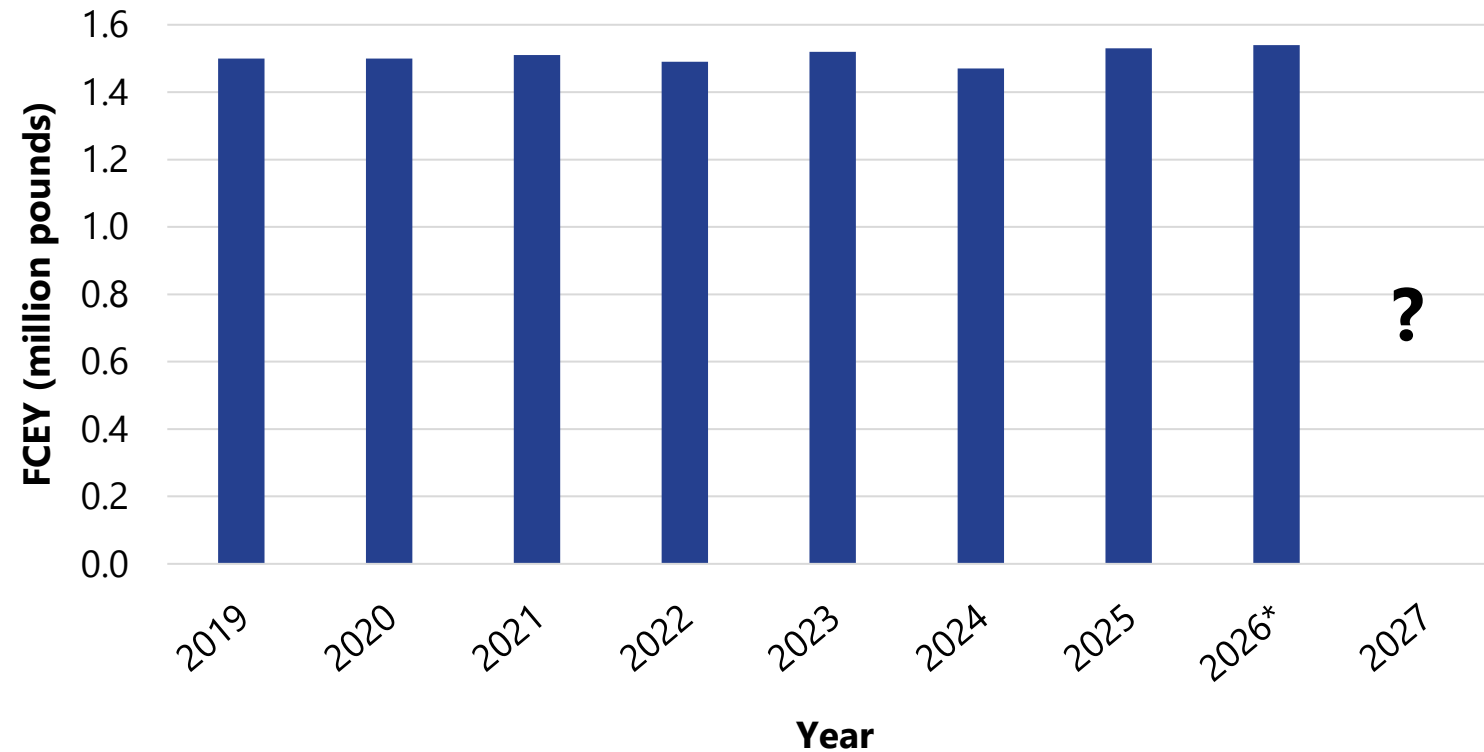
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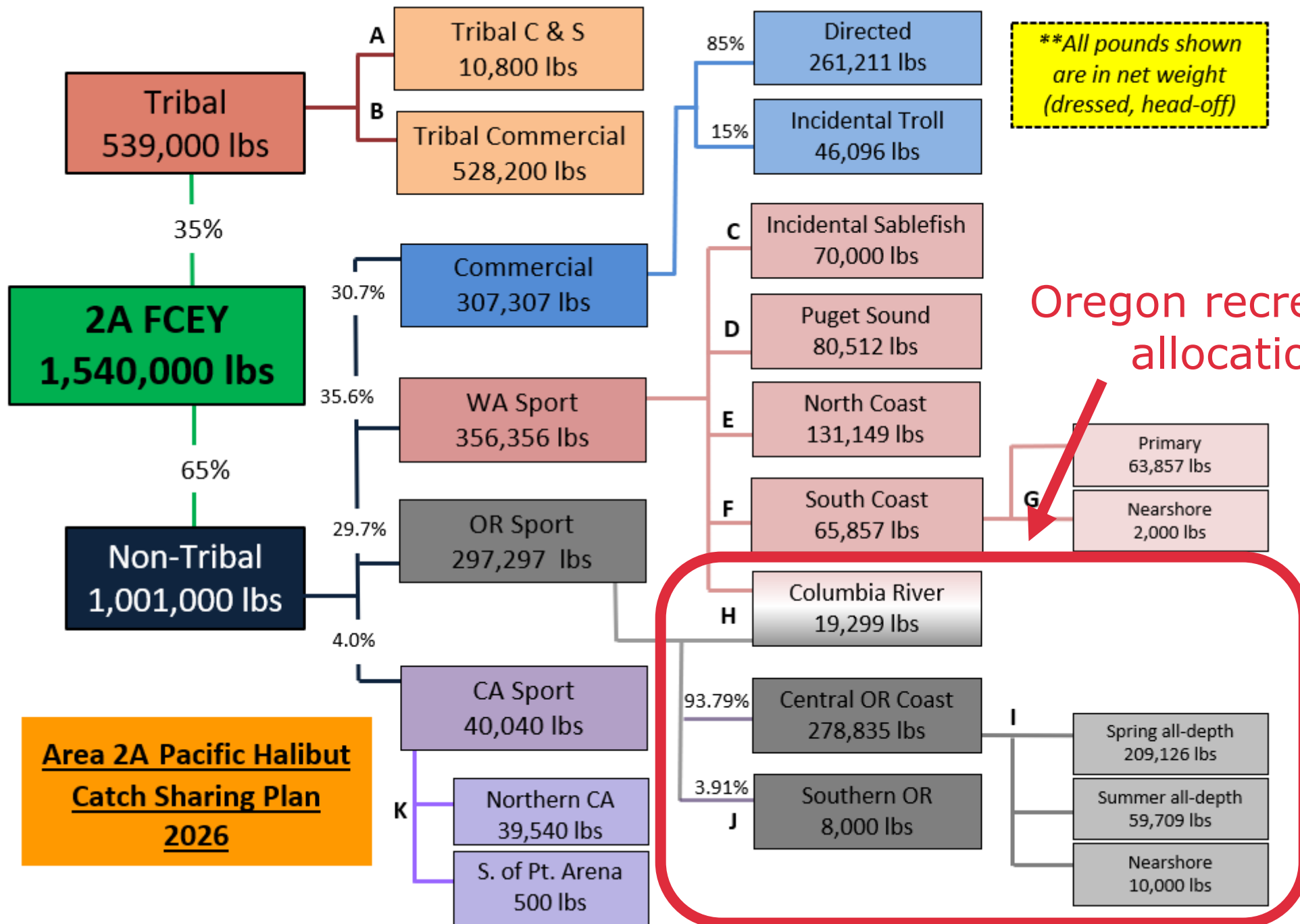


Area 2A Allocation

- 2019 through 2026
 - 1.5 million lb allocation
 - Stabilized fisheries
 - Low compared to AK & BC
- **2027 quota is unknown**
 - Determined by IPHC in January 2027

Area 2A Annual Fishery Constant Exploitable Yield (FCEY)

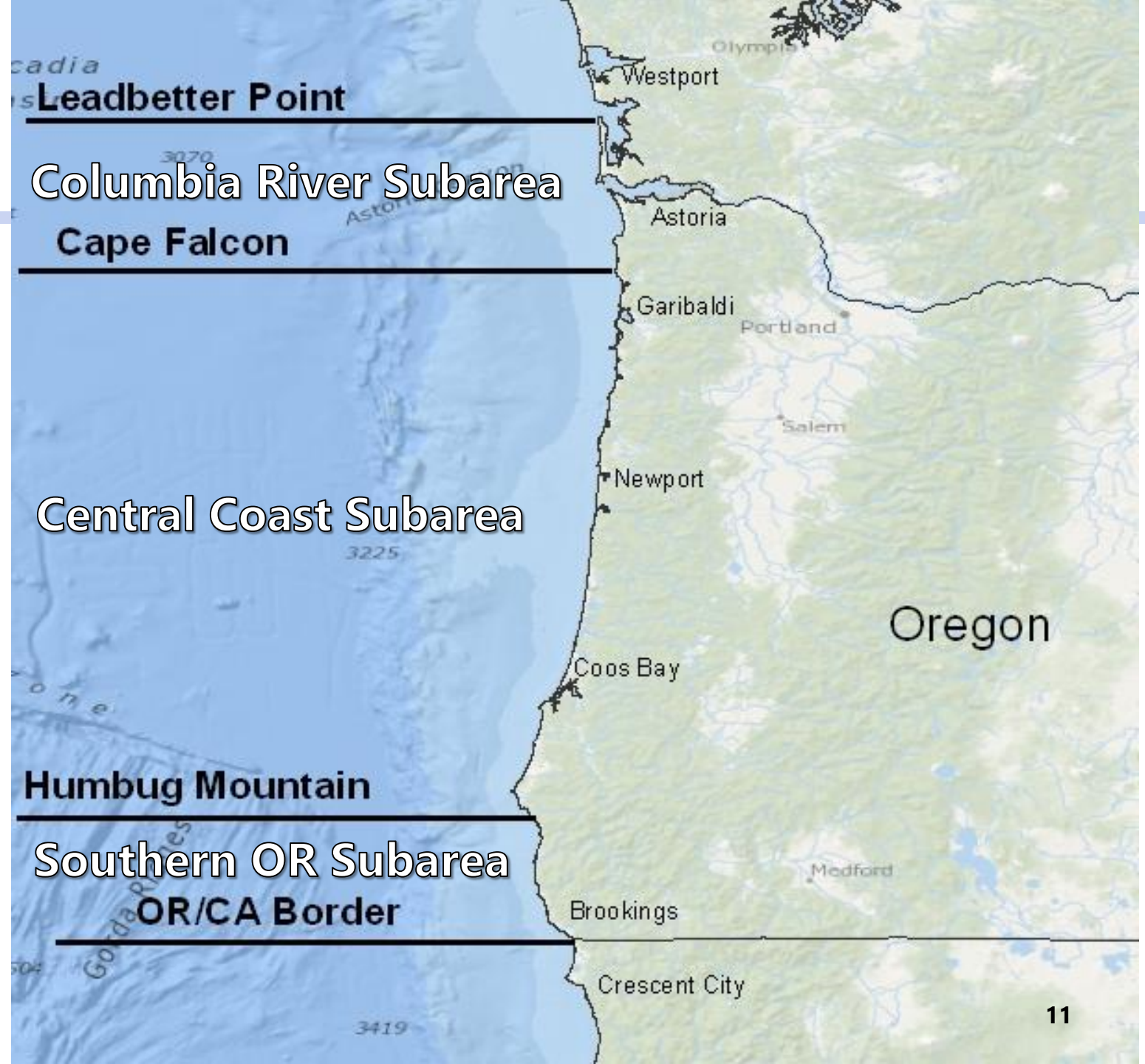






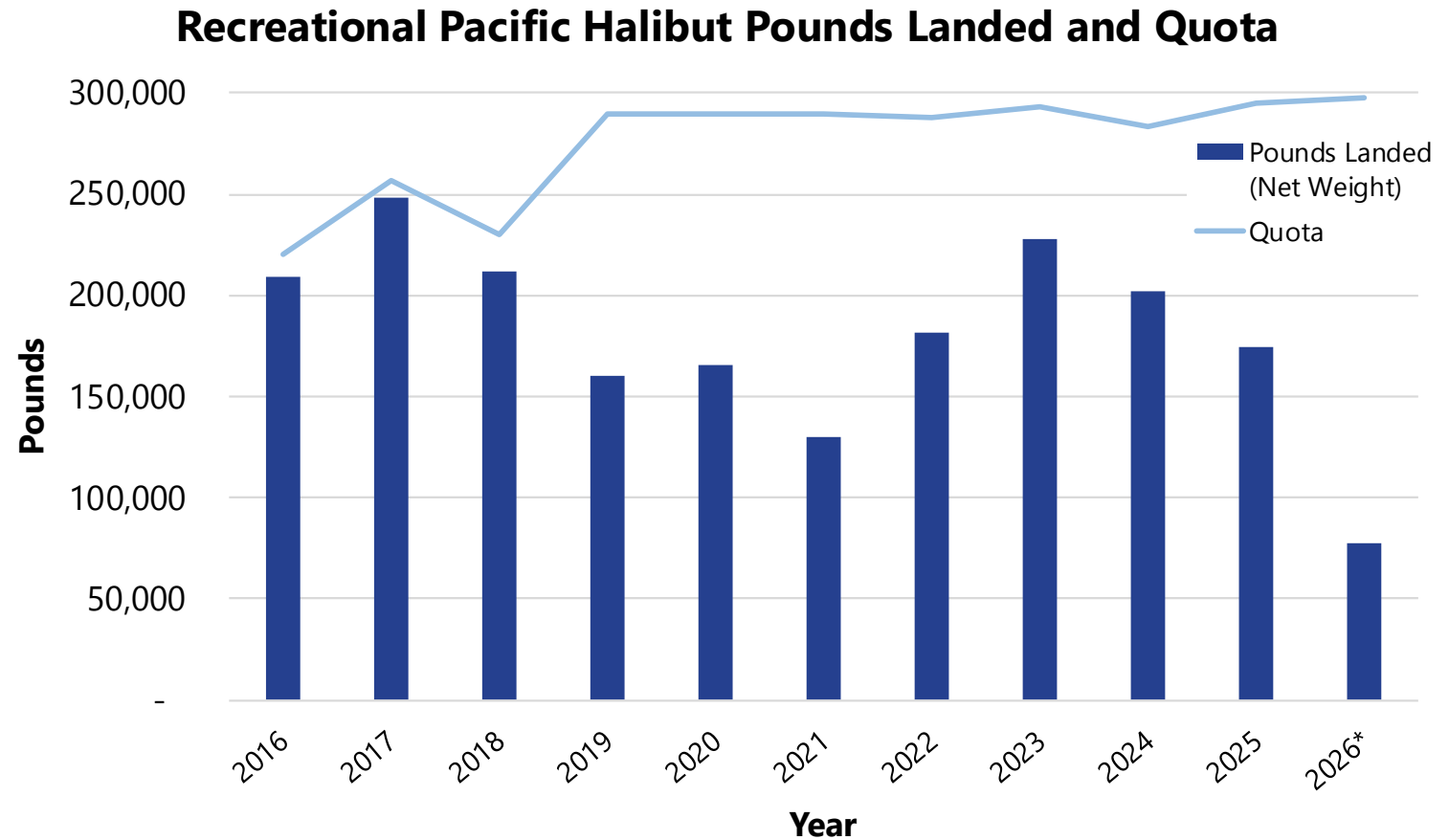
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Oregon has 3
subareas for the
recreational
Pacific halibut
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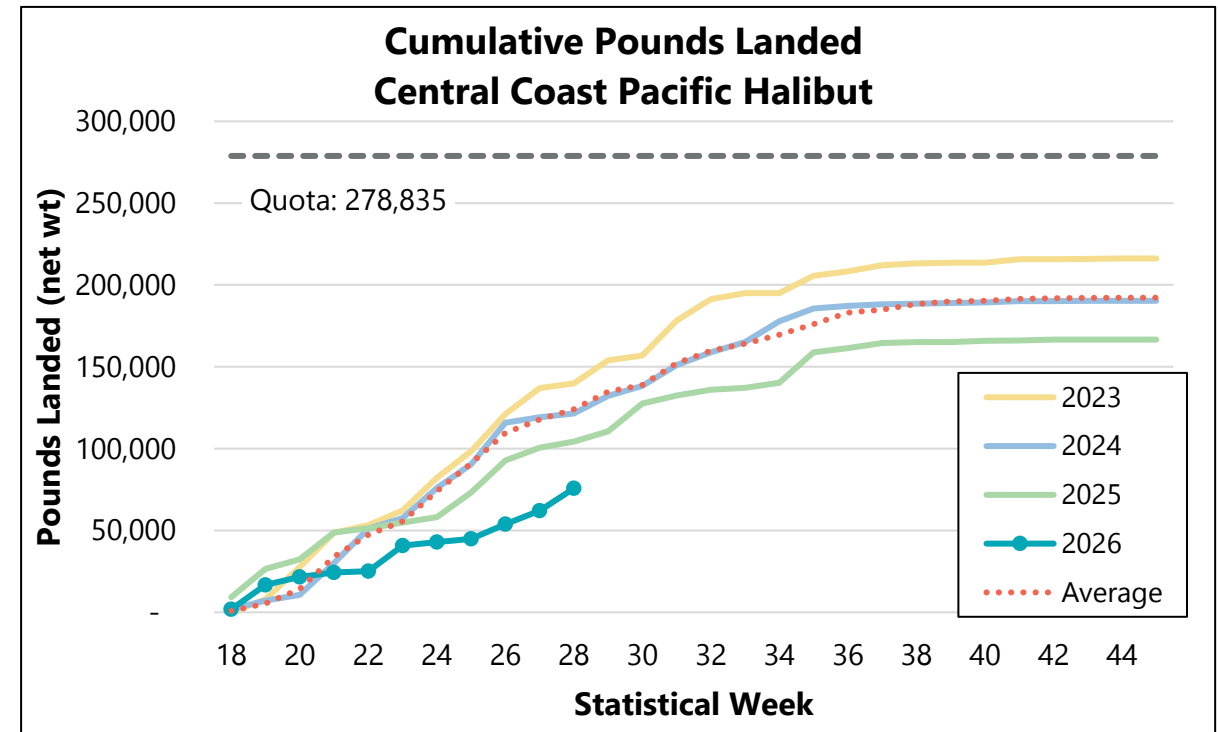
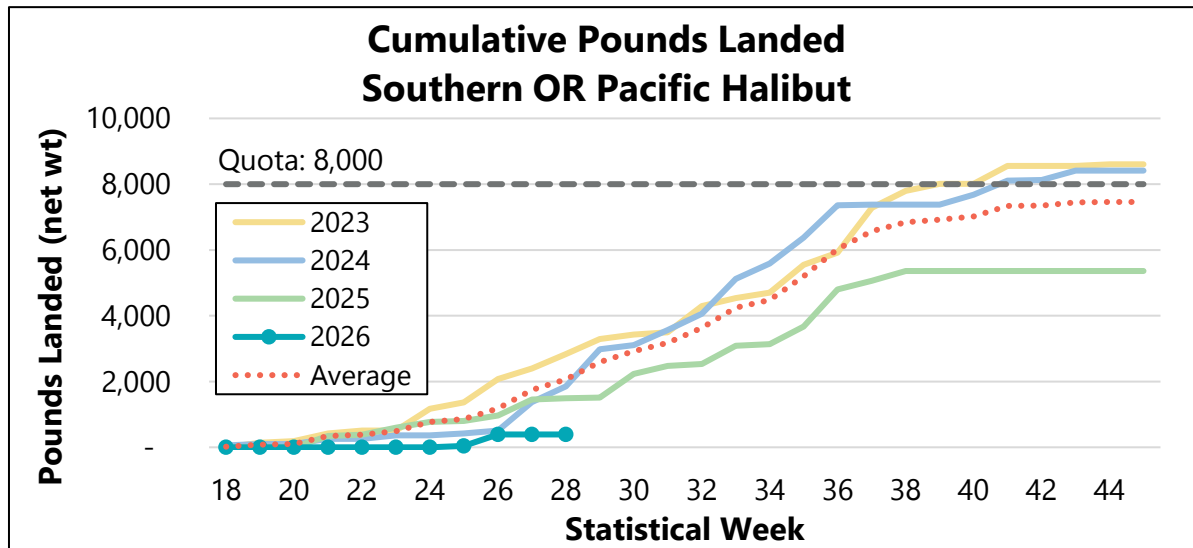
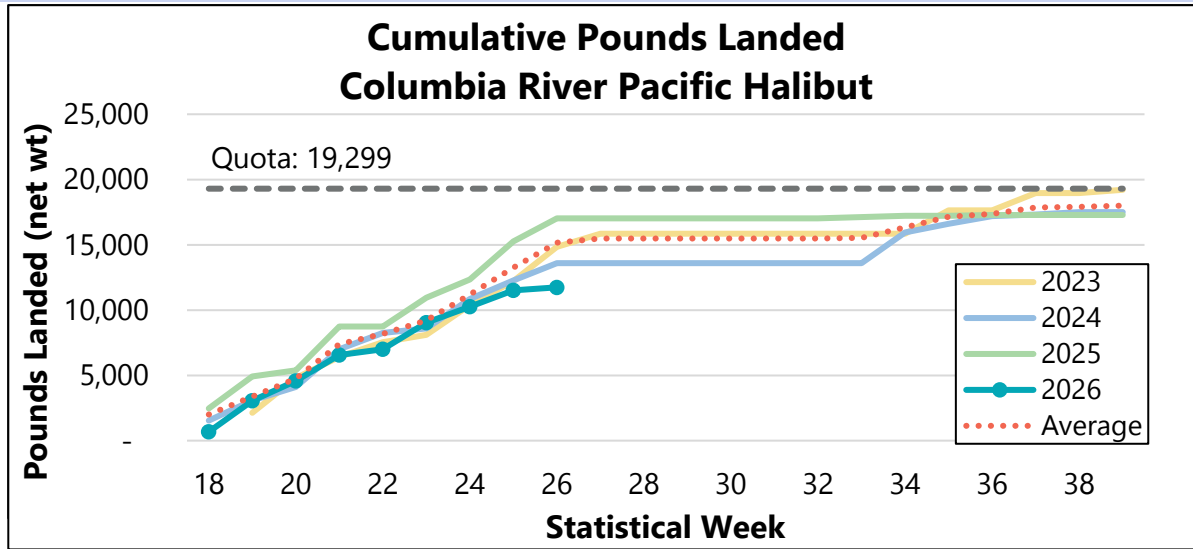
Oregon Sport Pacific Halibut

- Still a lot of pounds remaining for 2026
 - Columbia River: 39%
 - Central Coast: 64% (Spring all-depth allocation)
 - Southern Oregon: 95%
 - Total Oregon: 74%



*Data for 2026 is through July 12

Quota Attainment by Subarea



Data for 2026 is preliminary (through July 12)



Planning for 2027

- 2027 CSP currently in development:
 - Any new suggestions / modifications?
 - ODFW to host a follow-up public meeting in September on proposed changes to the CSP
- 2027 quota will be set late January at the IPHC annual meeting
- Public meeting in February to discuss the 2027 season structure / all-depth fishing
- Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission will adopt season dates in April



Photo by Charlie Plybon



Ideas for the 2027 CSP

- Columbia River Subarea
 - Remove the back-up dates language from the CSP*
 - Open the all-depth fishery 7 days per week

**Inseason changes are not guaranteed and have proven to be more complicated*

- Chumming and annual bag limit discussion to follow

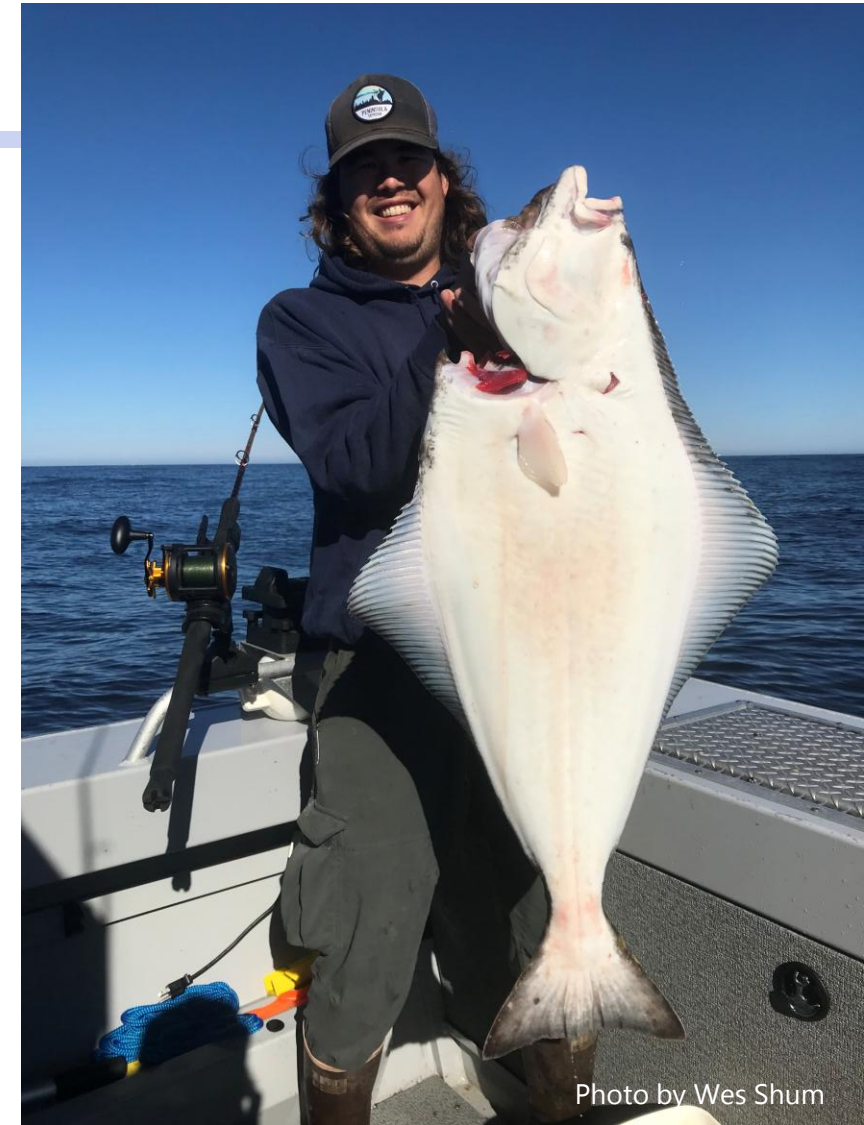


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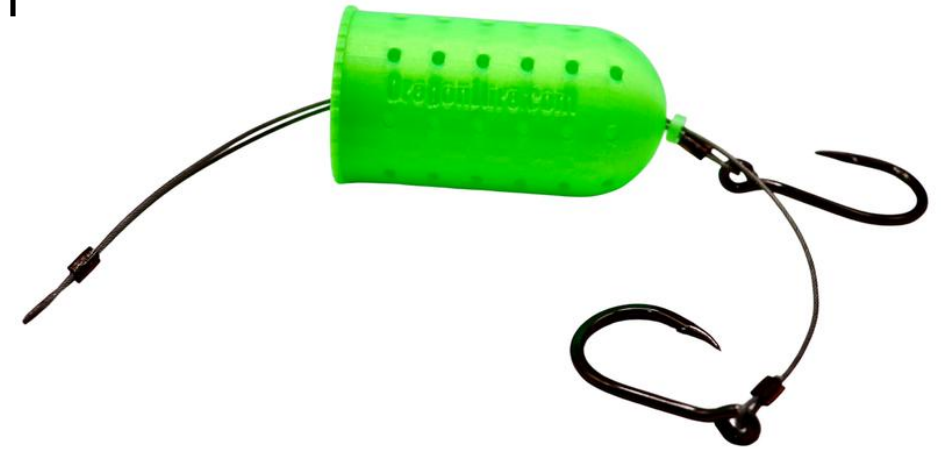
Input Received via Phone or E-mail

- Really like the 7-days per week all-depth, allows anglers to fish around weather and work schedules
- Like starting the year with the 2-fish bag limit
- 2-fish bag limit encourages people to keep smaller fish
- Allow chumming when fishing for all-depth halibut
- Increase the annual tag from 6 to 10 halibut or sell an additional tag



Chumming for Pacific Halibut

- Currently in Oregon Regulations:
 - Chumming: Putting any substance, not attached to the hook, in the water to attract fish
 - It is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish by chumming, or knowingly angle with the aid of chum. Except when angling for offshore pelagic species outside of three miles from shore if no species other than offshore pelagic species have been retained.
- Chumming is allowed when fishing for Pacific halibut off Washington and California.
- Gear is already being sold.



Annual Bag Limit for Pacific Halibut

- Current annual bag limit is 6 Pacific halibut
 - Washington's annual bag limit is also 6
- We have been leaving fish on the table the past few years, but we are also conserving the stock
- Increasing the annual bag limit could have negative impacts to the Oregon portion of the stock population



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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

