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Public Meeting on the 2027 Recreational Pacific Halibut Seasons

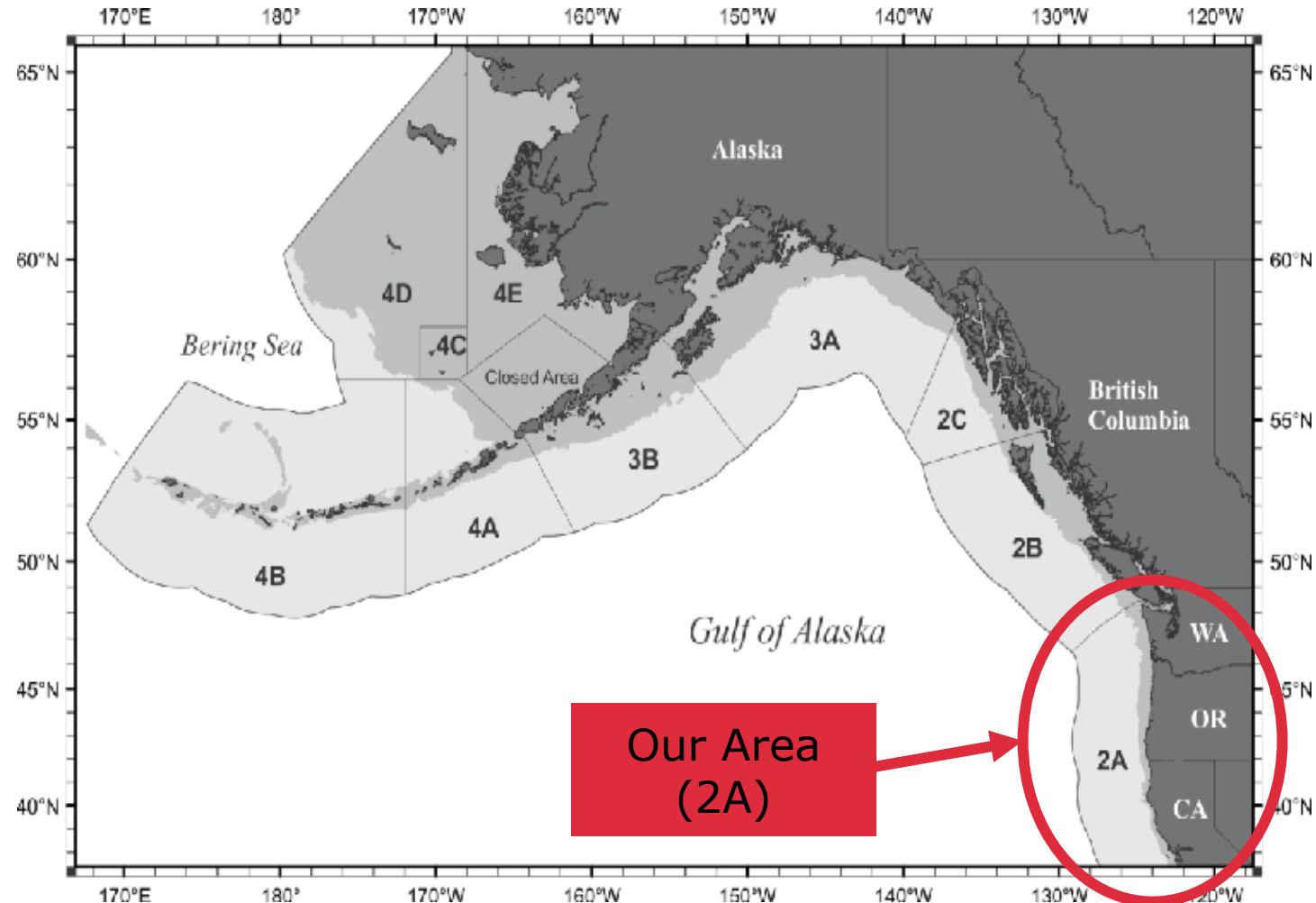
October 5-8, 2026



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Meeting Outline

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

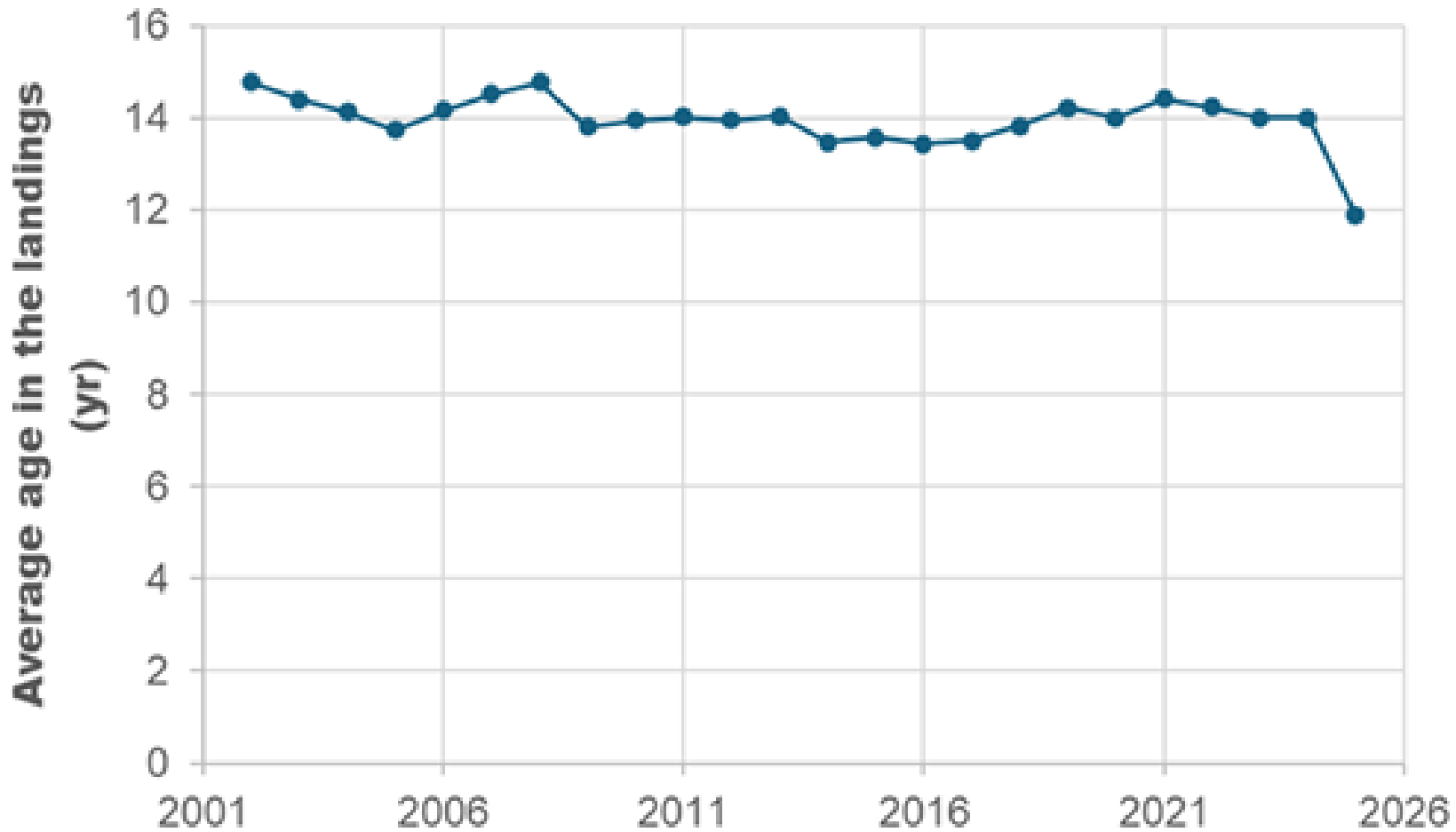


2026 IPHC Annual Meeting Results

- 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



Age Trends (in weight)



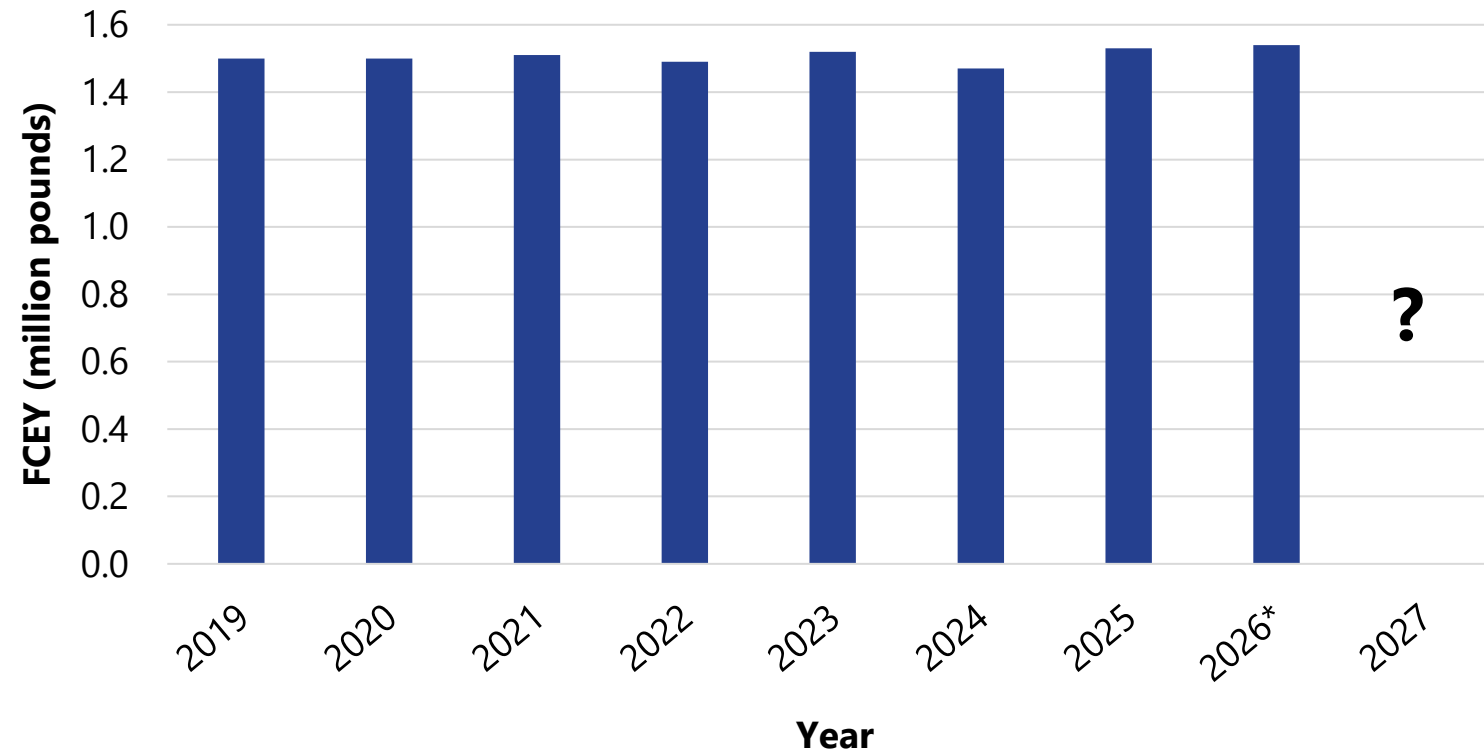
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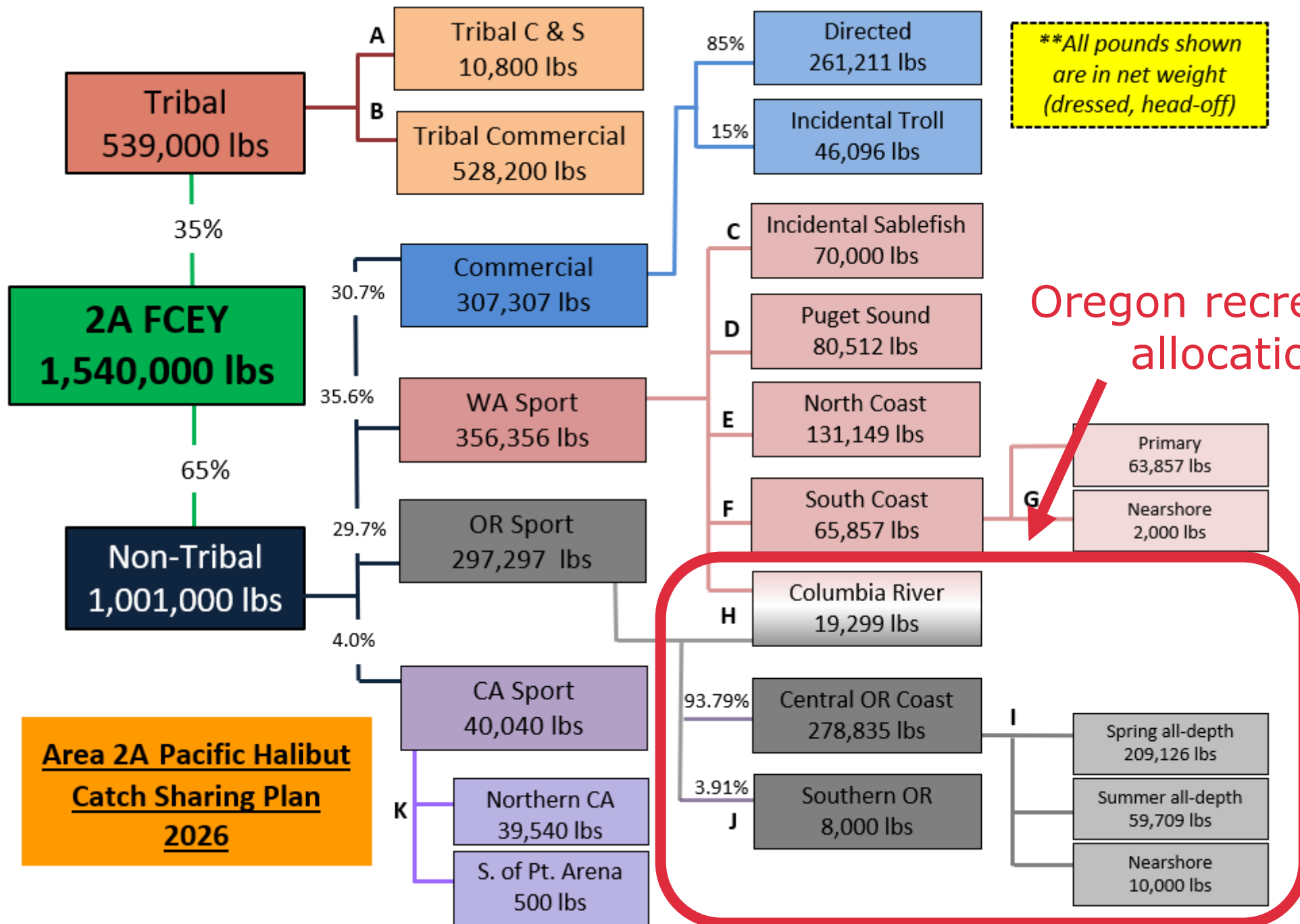


Area 2A Allocation

- 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)

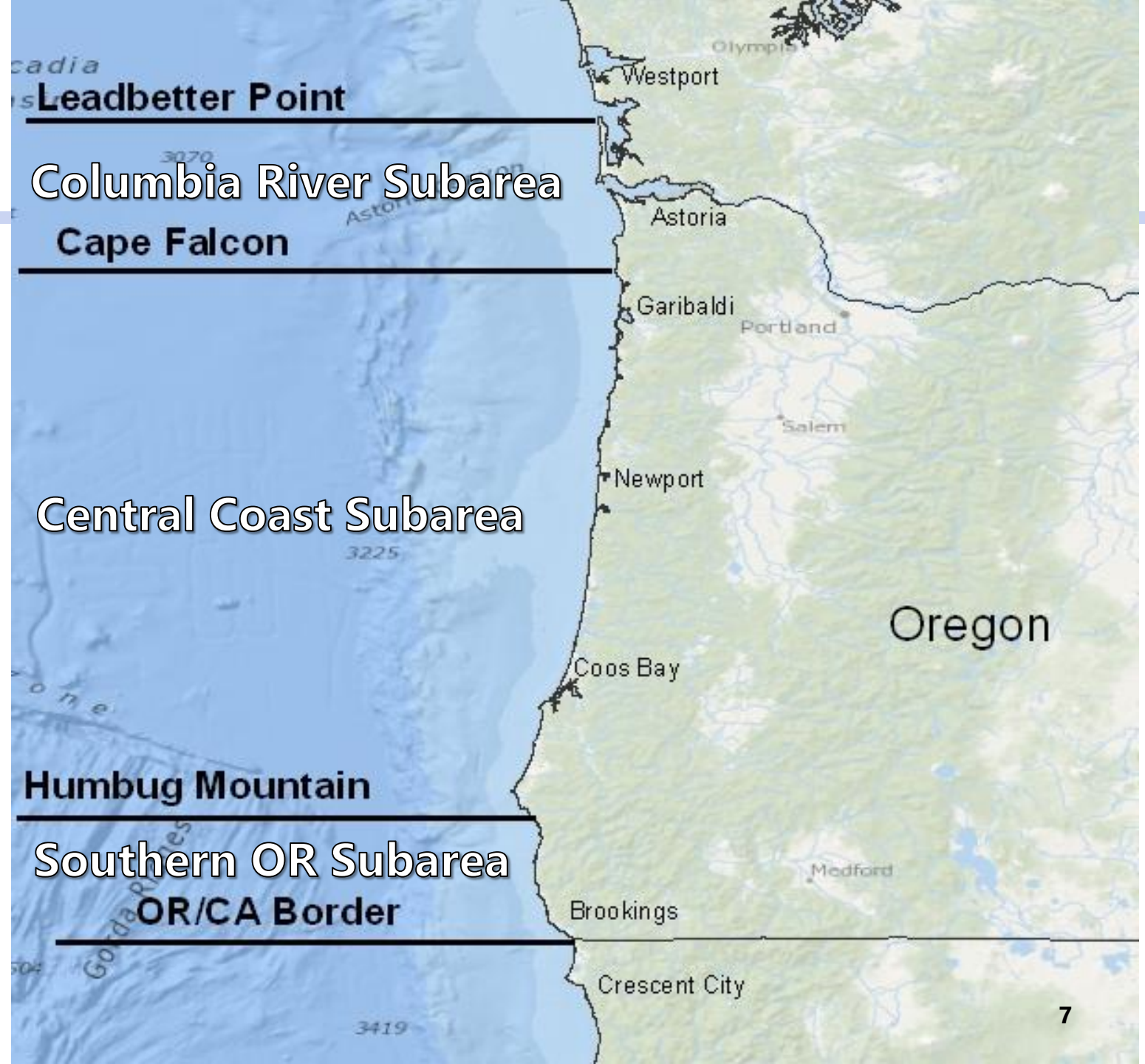






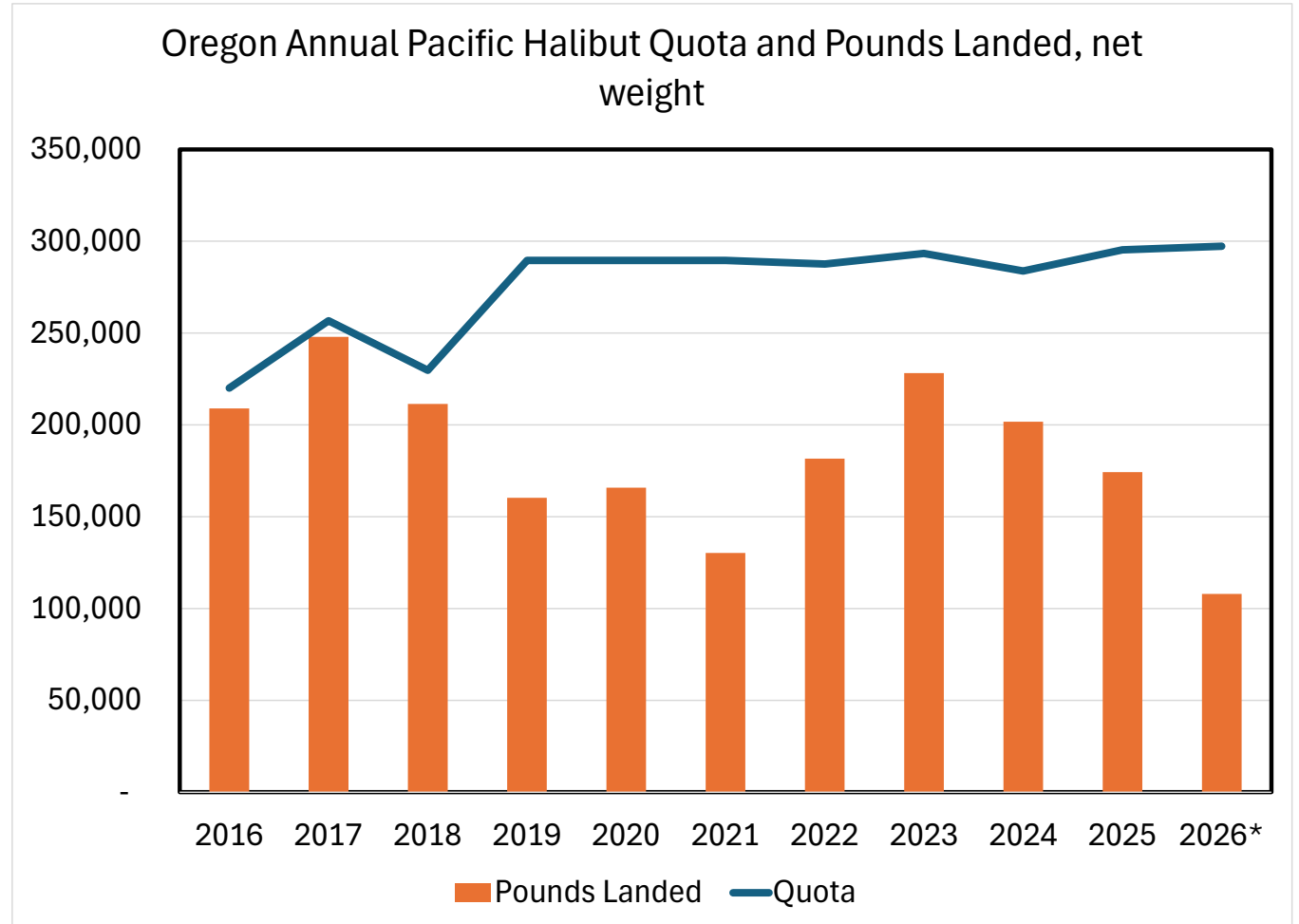
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Oregon has 3
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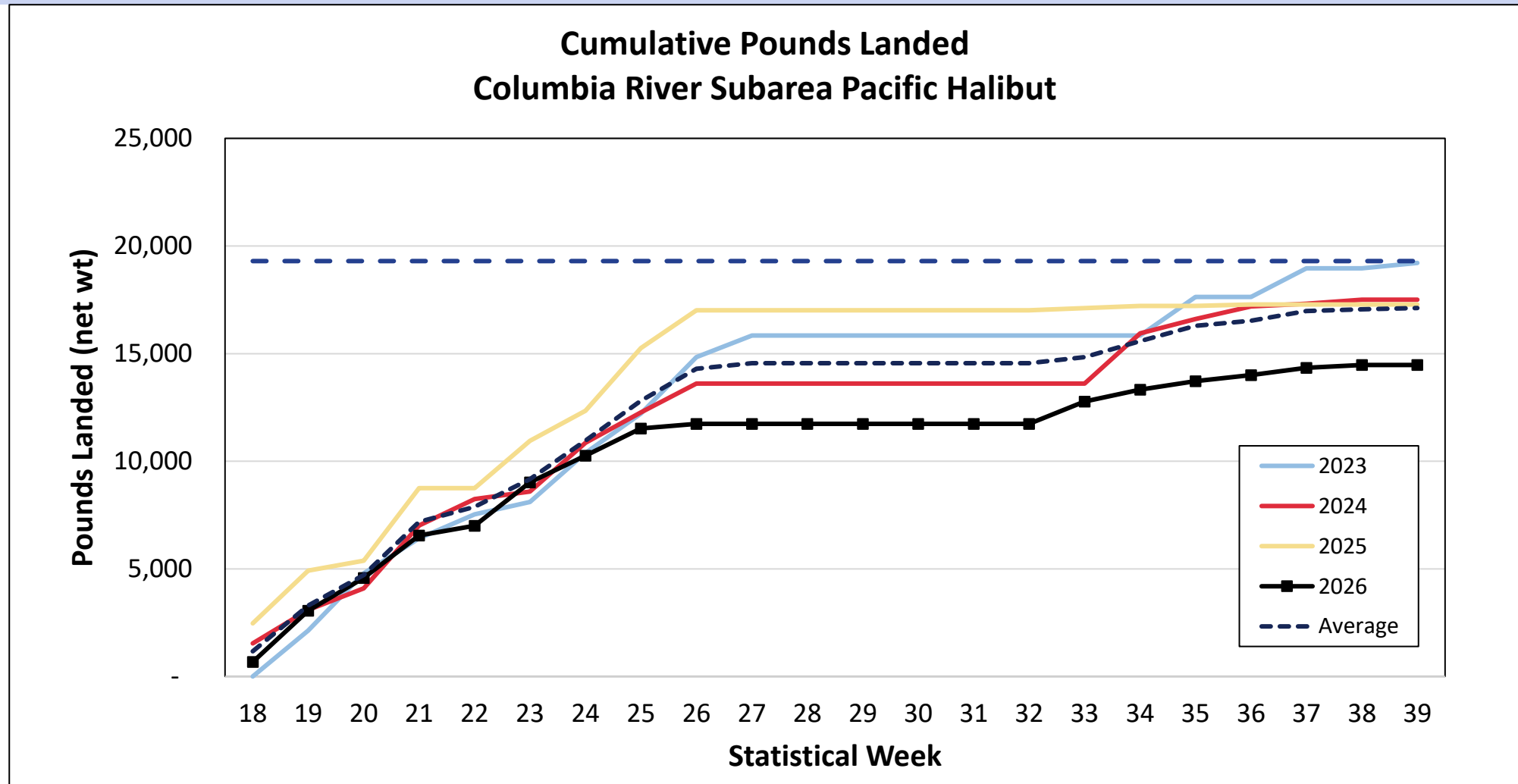
Oregon Sport Pacific Halibut

- Still a lot of pounds remaining for 2026
 - Columbia River: 29%
 - Central Coast: 62% (Spring all-depth allocation)
 - Southern Oregon: 85%
 - Total Oregon: 64%



*Data for 2026 is through Sept 26

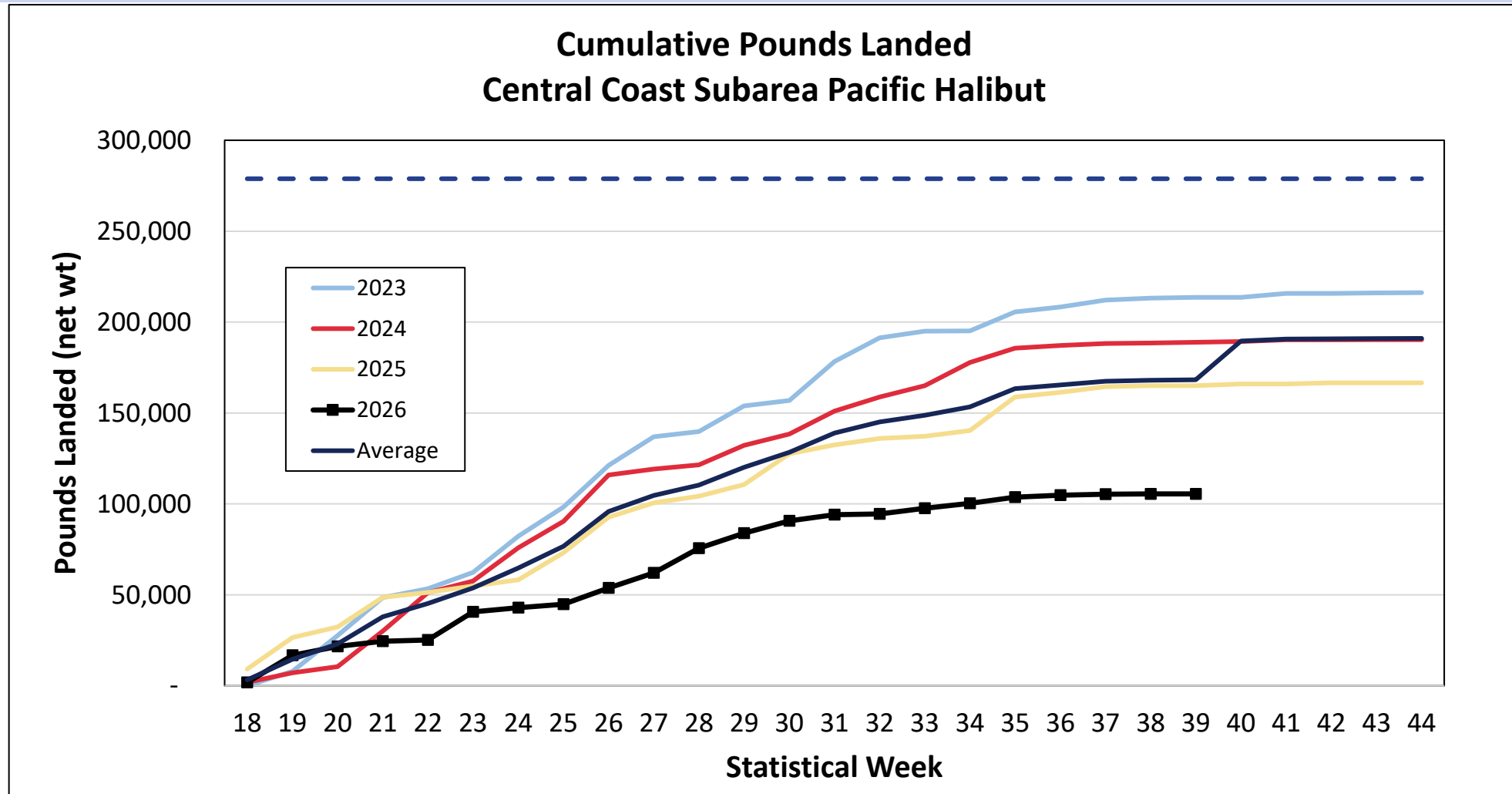
Quota Attainment by Subarea



Data for 2026 is preliminary (through Sept 28)



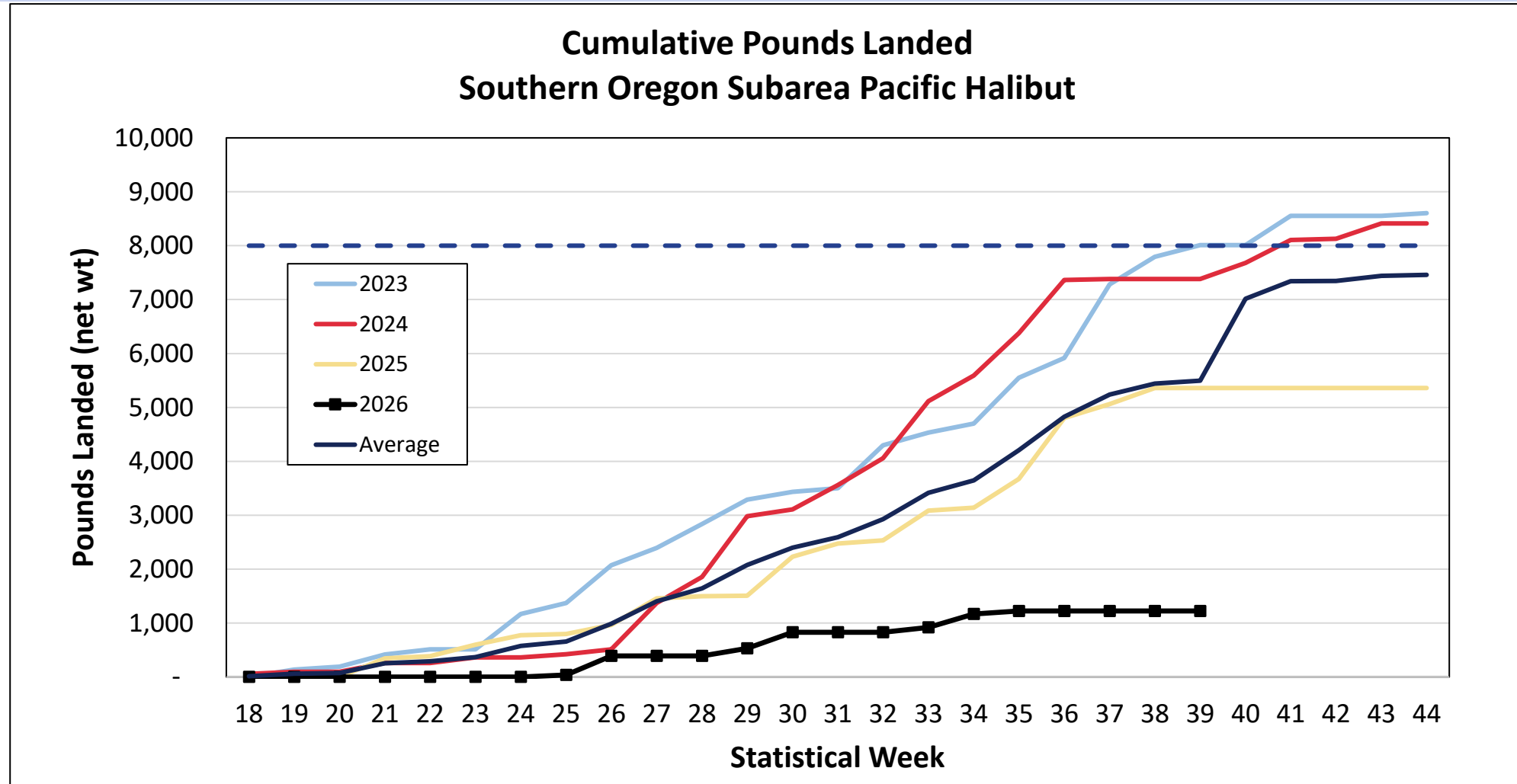
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Planning for 2027

- 2027 CSP currently in development:
 - Pacific Council forwarded one proposed change that impacts Oregon
- 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 and Wildlife Commission will finalize season dates in April

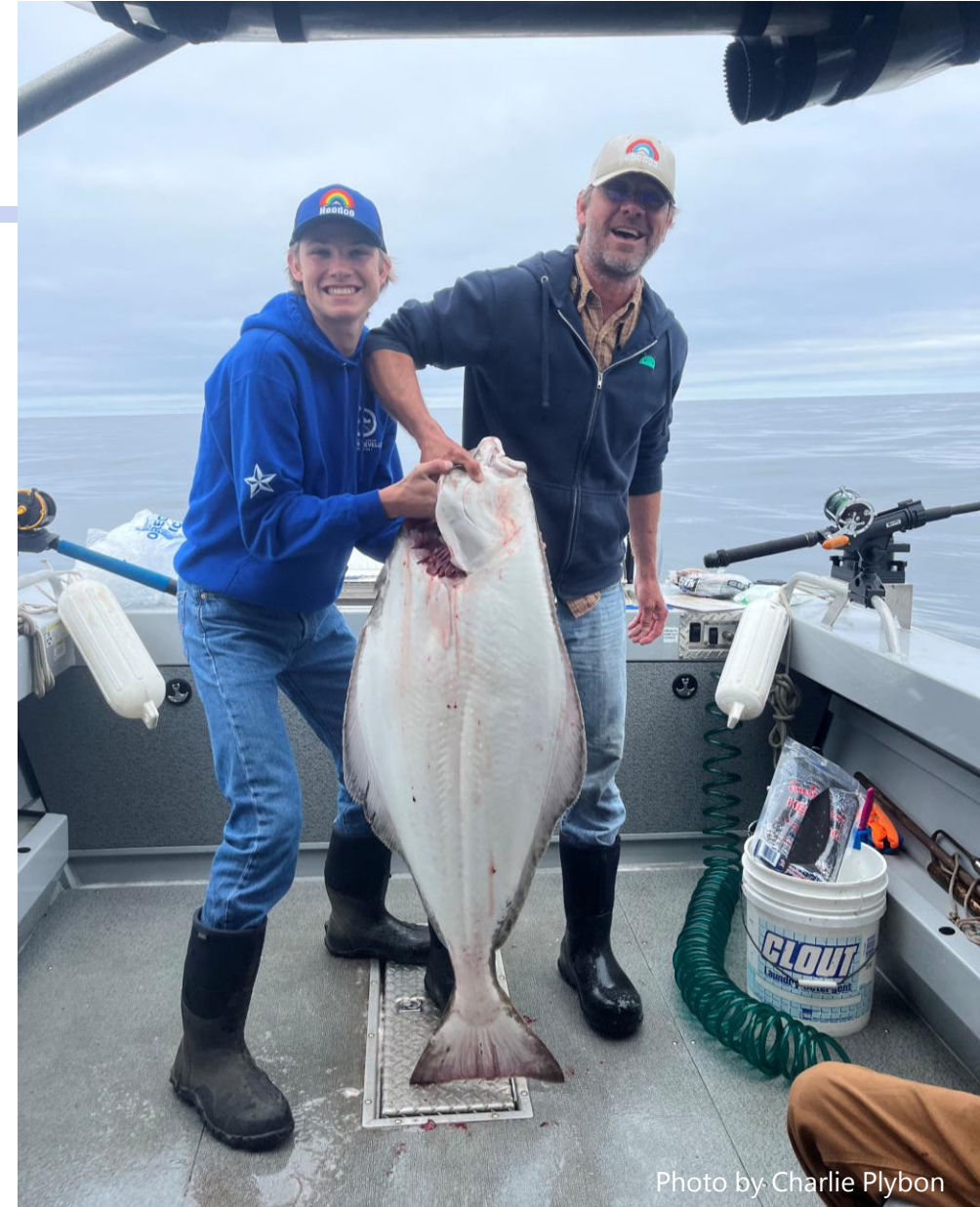


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Proposed changes for the 2027 CSP

- Columbia River Subarea
 - In June, open 5 days per week (Thurs, Fri, Sun, Mon, Tues)
 - Except for days open to the non-tribal directed commercial fishery
 - If quota is projected to be caught before June 30, Mon & Tues may be closed through inseason action
 - Add Monday of Memorial Day weekend to open days

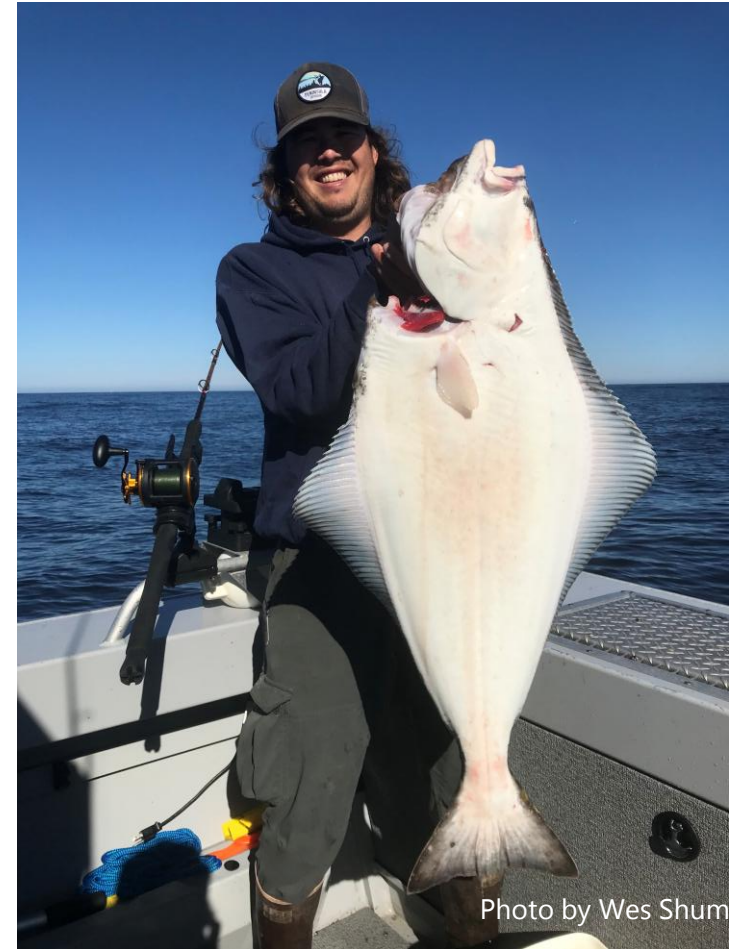


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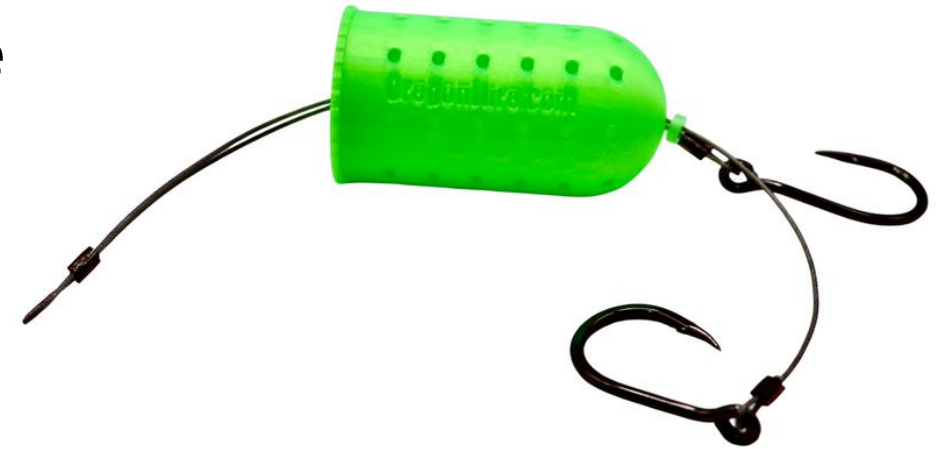
Additional Discussions at Pacific Council

- Some starting to have concerns about the status of the stock
- Recreational fisheries in all 3 states will not hit quota
- Non-tribal directed commercial fishery took 6 openings to catch quota, most years 3-4
- Salmon troll fishery likely to catch less than 50% of its allocation
- Treaty tribal fishery off WA did catch quota
- Weather issues, scratchy fishing, smaller fish
- Lack of IPHC survey off 2A in 2026



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.





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

