

# 2024 Central Coast Spring All-Depth Recreational Halibut Season Dates



**February 6, 2024**

**6:00-7:30 pm**



# Meeting Outline

- Overview of IPHC annual meeting results
- Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan
- Input on dates for the Central OR Coast Subarea spring all-depth fishery
  - Number of fixed dates
  - Timing of fixed dates
  - Potential back-up dates



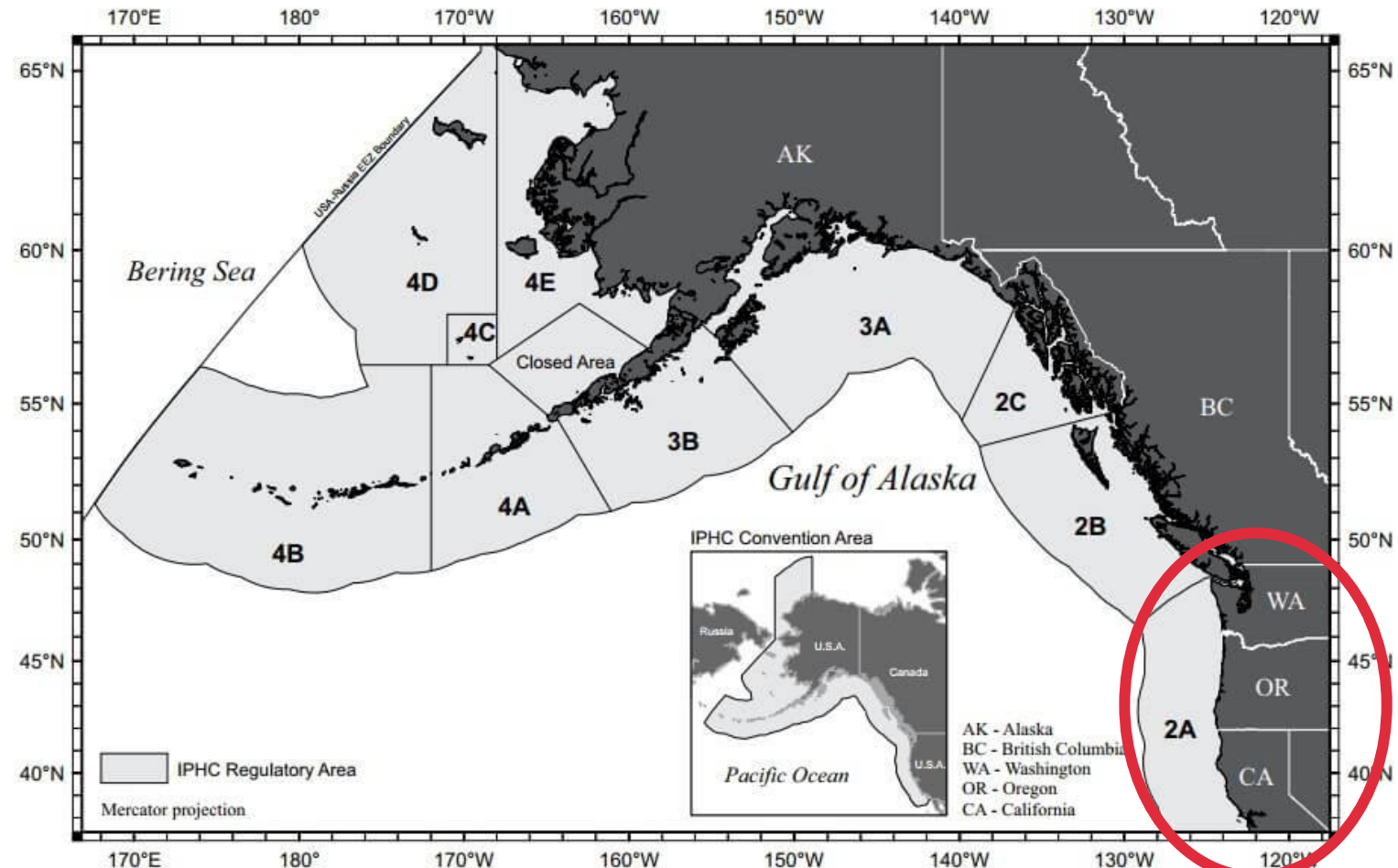
# IPHC Annual Meeting Results

- Coastwide indices were down again in 2023
  - Lowest fishery performance/efficiency in 3 decades
  - Though in Area 2A (OR, WA and CA), indices were up slightly
- Both the IPHC survey and fisheries coastwide have largely transitioned to the 2012 year-class from the 2005 and older year-classes
- Very low recruitment from 2006-2011 continues to reduce the short-term productivity of the stock



# Area 2A (WA, OR, & CA) Catch Limit

- 2024 Area 2A Catch Limit = **1.47M lb**
- OR Rec. quota = **283,784 lb**



# Oregon Recreational Halibut Quotas

		2023 (lb)	2024 (lb)
Area 2A Total Catch Limit		1,520,000	1,470,000
Oregon Sport Quota		293,436	283,784
Columbia River	All-Depth	18,375	18,112
	Nearshore	500	500
Central Oregon Coast	<b>Spring All-Depth</b>	<b>173,385</b>	<b>167,681</b>
	Summer All-Depth	68,803	66,540
	Nearshore	33,026	31,939
Southern Oregon		8,000	8,000



# Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan

## Options available in 2024 for the Central Oregon Coast Subarea:

- Only change to the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) is to allow for back-up weeks to be back-to-back instead of the mandatory of skipping a week
  - Skipping a week allows for analysis and informing the public



# Central Oregon Coast Spring All-Depth Fixed & Back-Up Dates

## Background

- Open days: ***up to 7 days per week***
  - Depending on amount of quota
  - Weeks can be back-to-back, or
  - Weeks can be skipped to avoid adverse tides
- Season start date: ***May 1*** or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs in May
- 2 types of dates
  - Fixed dates
  - Back-up dates



# Fixed Dates vs. Back-Up Dates

## Fixed

- Announced pre-season
- Guaranteed to be open
  - Unless entire Central Oregon Coast Subarea quota is taken
- Occur in consecutive weeks
  - Can skip adverse tides
- Open up to 7-days per week

## Back-Up

- Occur after the fixed dates
  - If enough quota remains
- Occur every week when quotas are high
  - Every other week if quota is low to allow for opening and/or closing



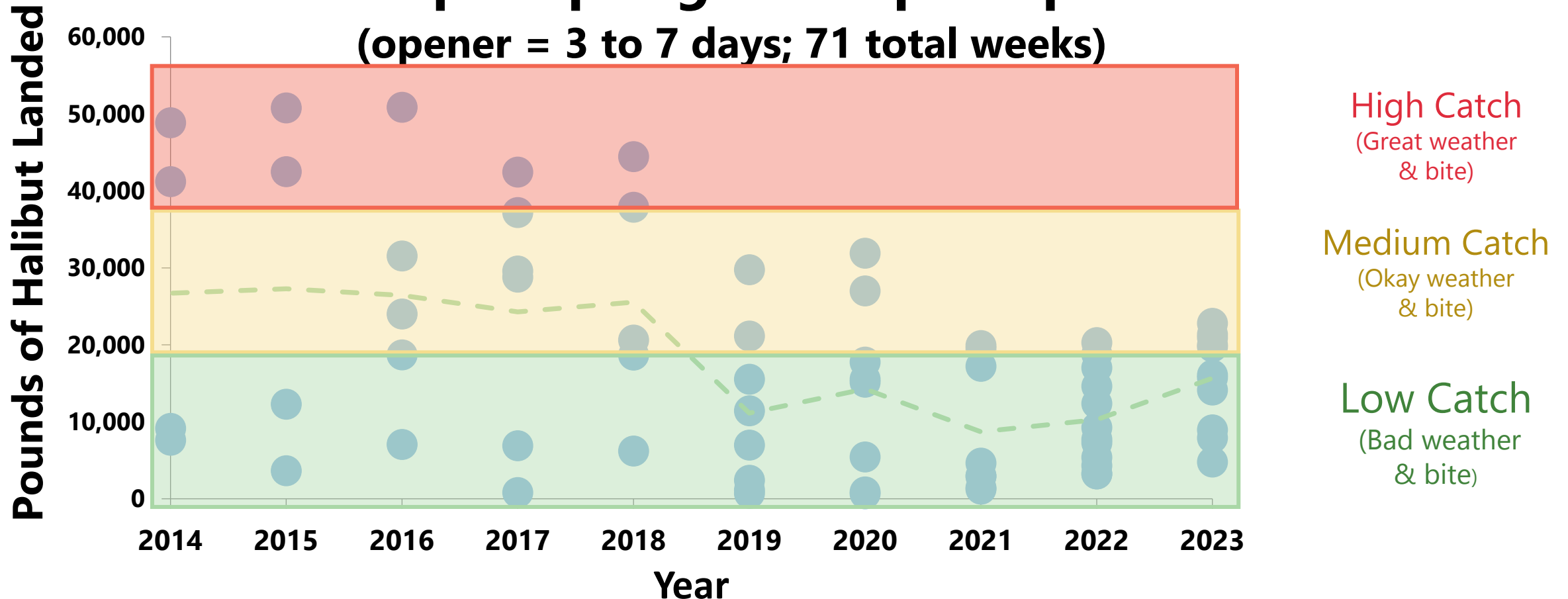
# How Many Fixed Dates?

- Want to catch most of the quota
  - Any overage would come from summer all-depth, and then the nearshore if excess enough
- Catch rates and total catch are highly weather-dependent
- Use past weekly catches to estimate future weekly catches
  - Fish sizes are increasing



# Total Landed Pounds per Opening for the Last 10 Years

## Catch per Spring All-Depth Opener (opener = 3 to 7 days; 71 total weeks)



# When Should the Fixed Dates Occur?



- May through June 7-days per week?
- May through July 7-days per week?

In the past, we had to spread out effort to provide opportunity later in the year. With higher quotas, this has not been an issue.



# Halibut bag for 2024

- Start the year with a 1-fish or 2-fish bag limit?
- When should we go to a 2-fish bag limit if not May 1?

Halibut quota has been left on the table the past few years; however, the fish are getting larger.

How risk averse do we wish to be regarding the summer all-depth season?



# Thank you!

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