

2026 Central Coast Spring All-Depth Recreational Halibut Season Dates



We will begin at 6:00

February 2, 2026

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 Oregon Coast Subarea spring all-depth fishery
 - Number of fixed dates
 - Timing of fixed dates
 - Potential back-up dates



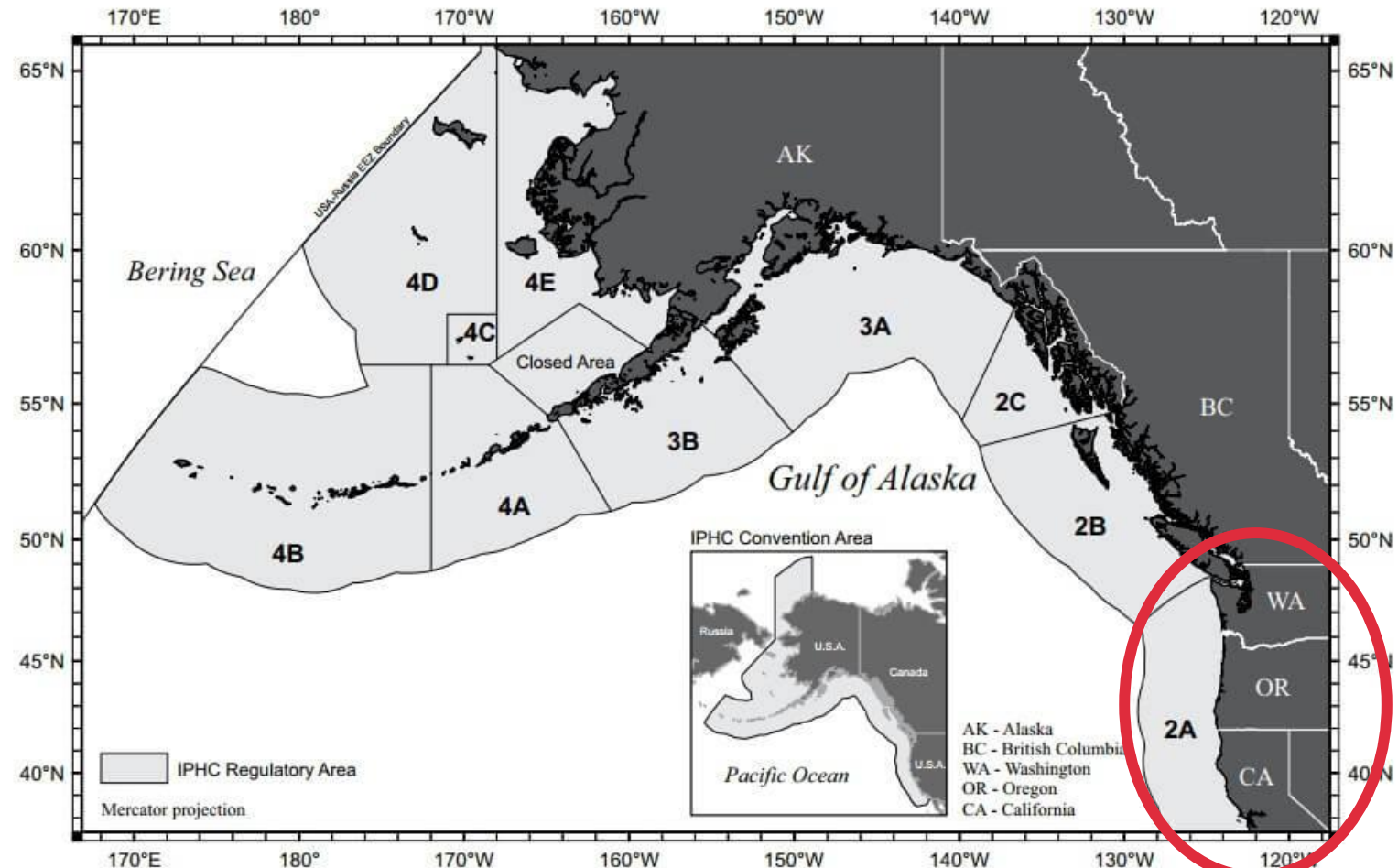
IPHC Annual Meeting Results

- Coastwide indices remain low
 - Alaska and BC fisheries have reduced their impacts to the stock from 2022-2025 (>15% reduction in 2025)
 - BC is taking another 7% reduction to their overall quota for 2026
 - 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



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

- 2026 Area 2A Catch Limit: **1.54M lb**
- Oregon Sport Quota: **297,297 lb**



Oregon Recreational Halibut Quotas

		2025 quota net lb	2025 net lb caught	2026 quota net lb
Area 2A Total Catch Limit		1,530,000	1,445,209	1,540,000
Oregon Sport Quota		295,367	189,252	297,297
Columbia River	All-Depth	18,587	23,587	19,299
	Nearshore	500	0	0
Central Oregon Coast	Spring All-Depth	207,768	132,517	209,126
	Summer All-Depth	59,256	34,092	59,709
	Nearshore	10,000	0	10,000
Southern Oregon		8,000	5,360	8,000



Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan

Columbia River Subarea:

- Allocate the 500 pounds for the nearshore fishery to the all-depth fishery

Central Oregon Coast Subarea:

- Frontload the all-depth quota during the spring fishery
- Begin the nearshore fishery on May 1





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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 2nd 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

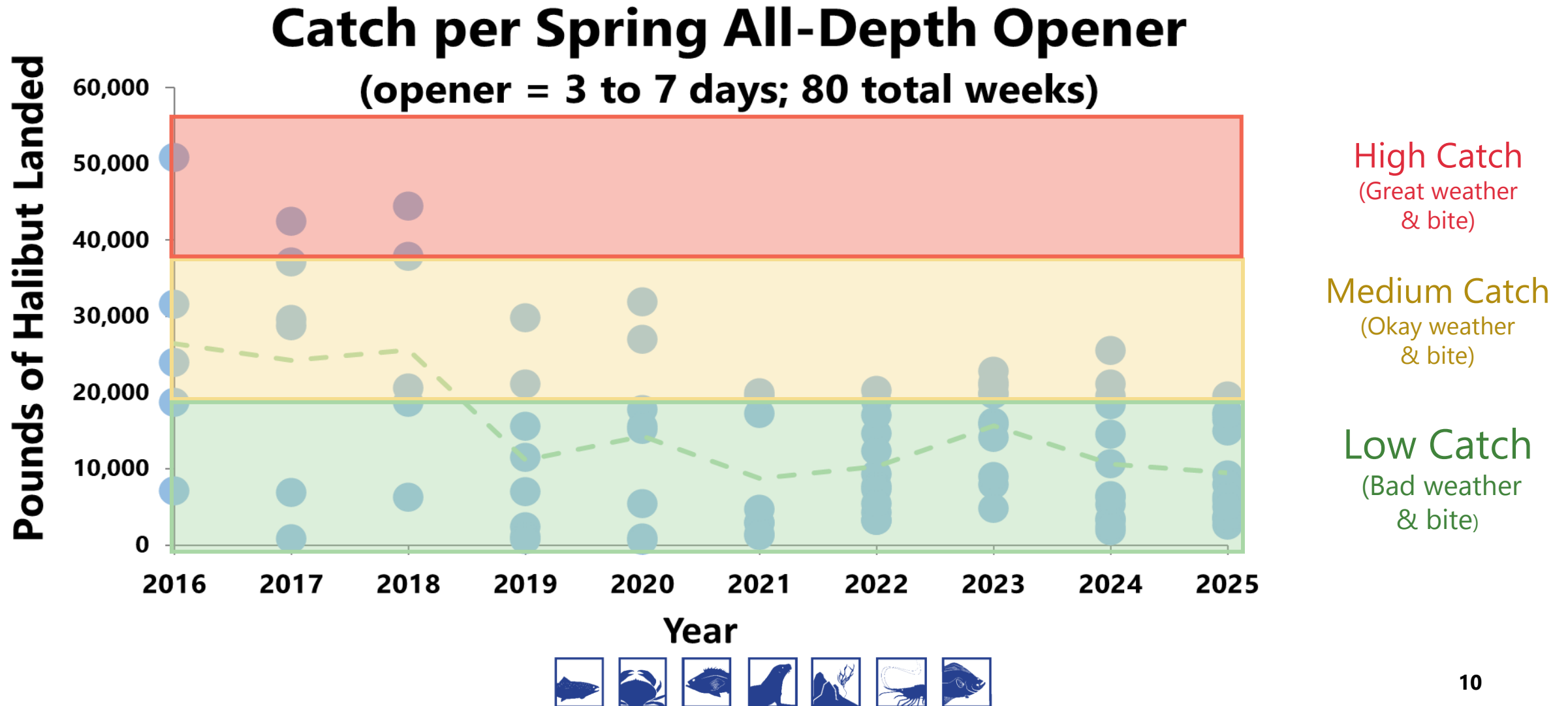


How Many Fixed Dates and When?

- 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
- Options
 - 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, but with higher quotas, this has not been an issue



Total Landed Pounds per Opening for the Last 10 Years



Halibut bag for 2026

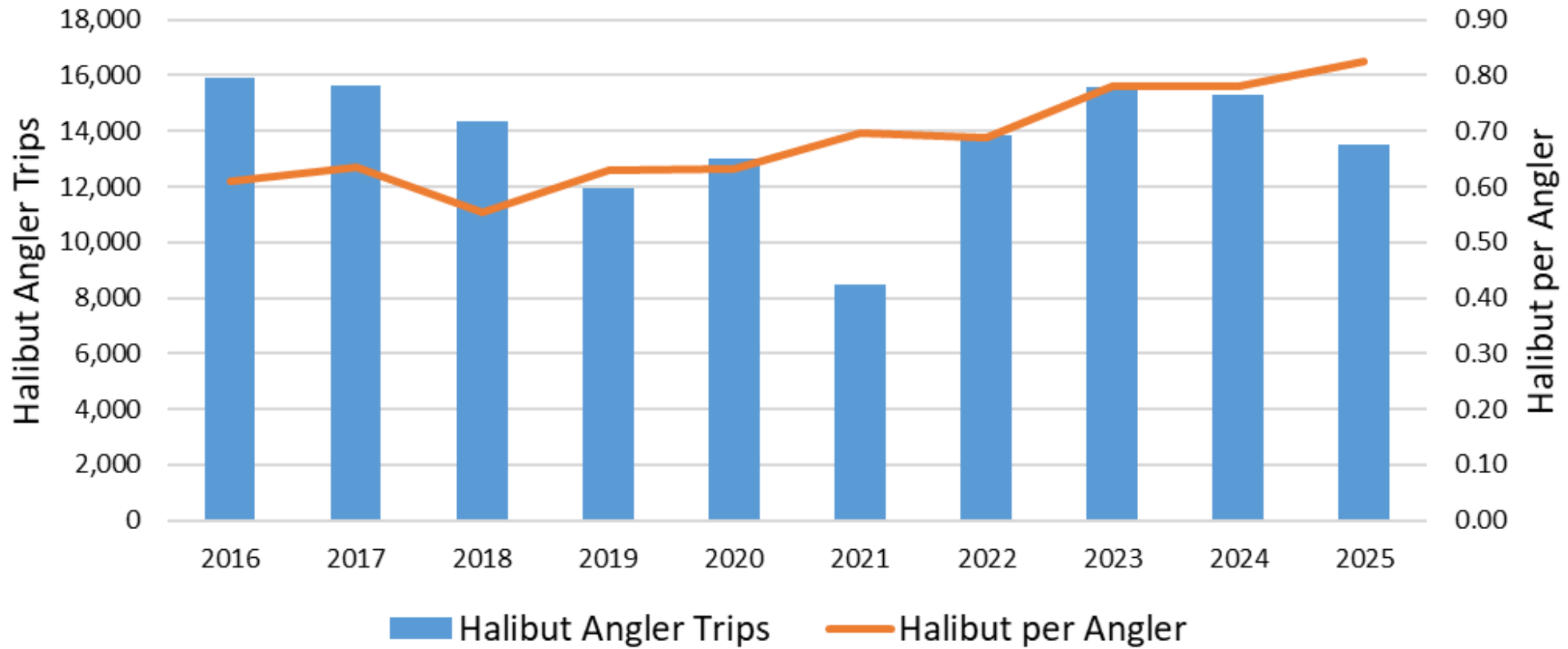
- Start the year with a 1-fish or 2-fish bag limit?
- When should we go to a 2-fish bag limit if not May 1?

Halibut quota has been left on the table the past few years.

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



Halibut Catch per Angler and Total Halibut Angler Trips by Year for the Central Coast All-Depth Seasons



Phone / Email Suggestions / Requests

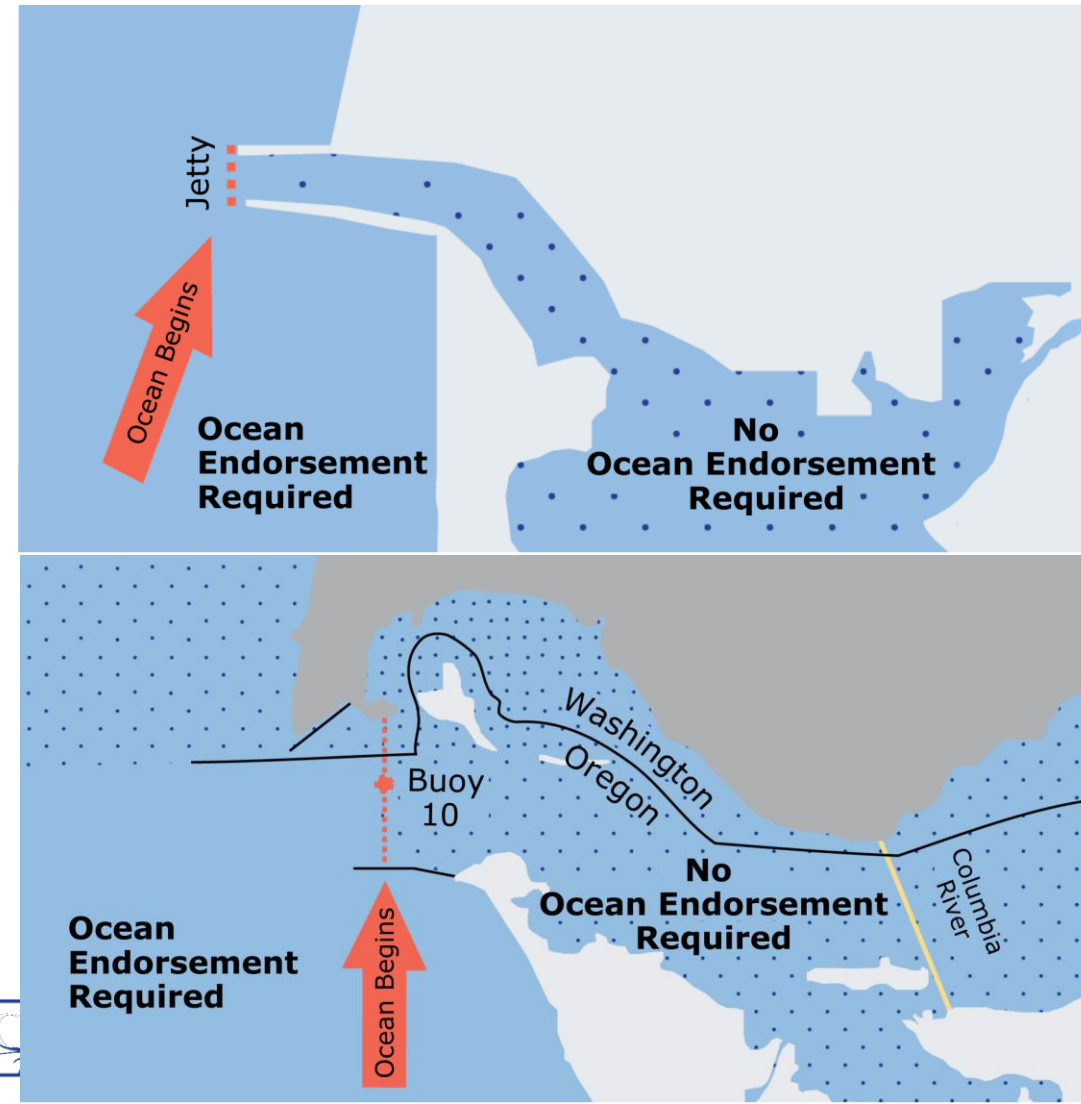
- Responses:
 - In favor of a 7-day per week all-depth fishery beginning May 1
 - In favor of a two-fish bag limit beginning May 1



Ocean Endorsement



- In 2025, the Oregon Legislature established the Ocean Endorsement through House Bill 2342 to generate dedicated funding for marine fish research and assessments.
- Recreational anglers fishing in the ocean from beaches, jetties, and boats will be required to have an Ocean Endorsement, beginning January 1, 2026. (see maps)
- Not required if you are only taking shellfish or only fishing for and retaining salmon or steelhead
- The cost is the same for residents and non-residents:
 - **Annual Endorsement:** \$9
 - **Daily Endorsement:** \$4



Thank you!

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