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# Public Meeting on the 2026 Recreational Pacific Halibut Fishery

Meeting will begin  
at 6:00 pm

October 6, 7, and 8, 2025



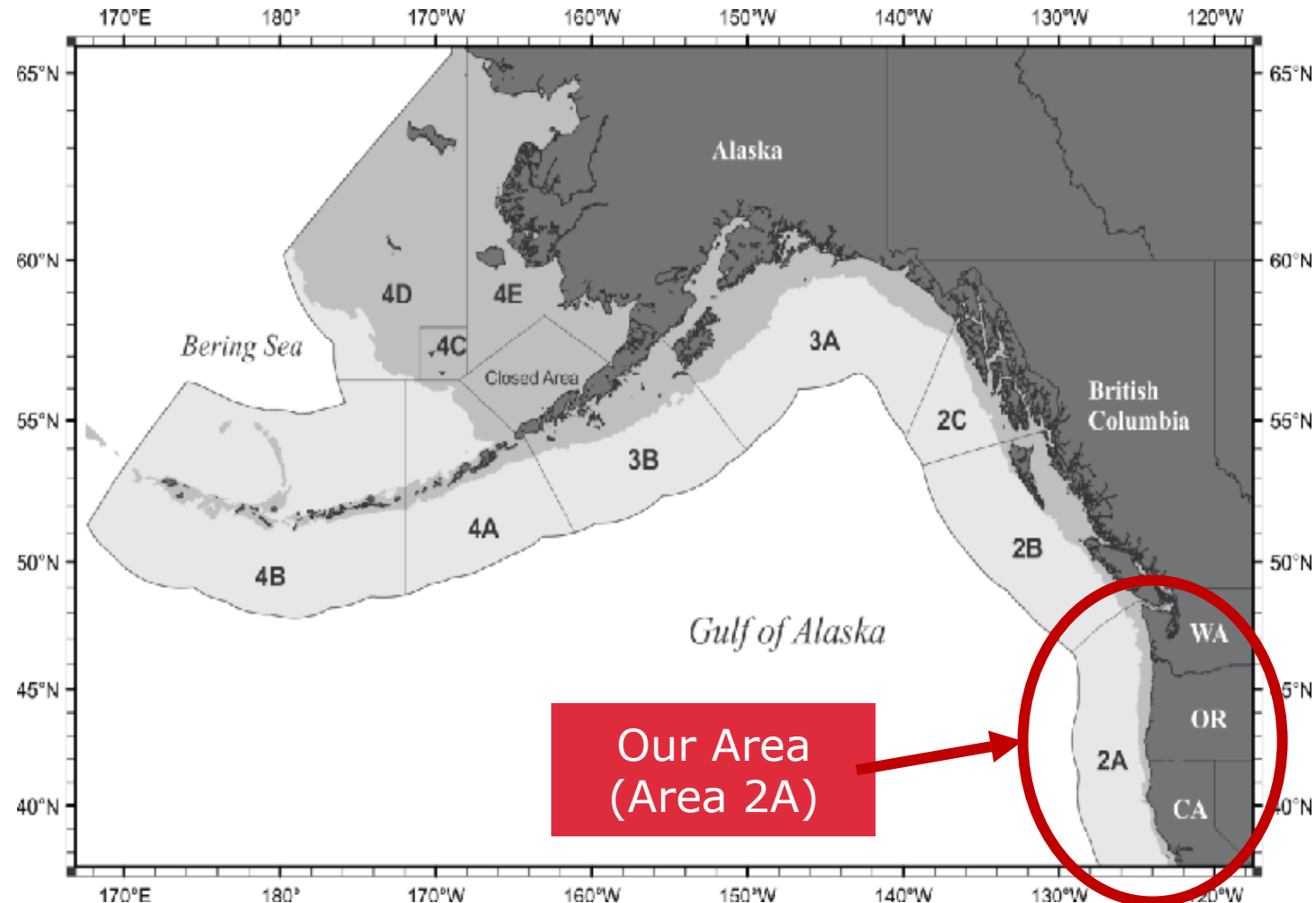
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# Meeting Outline

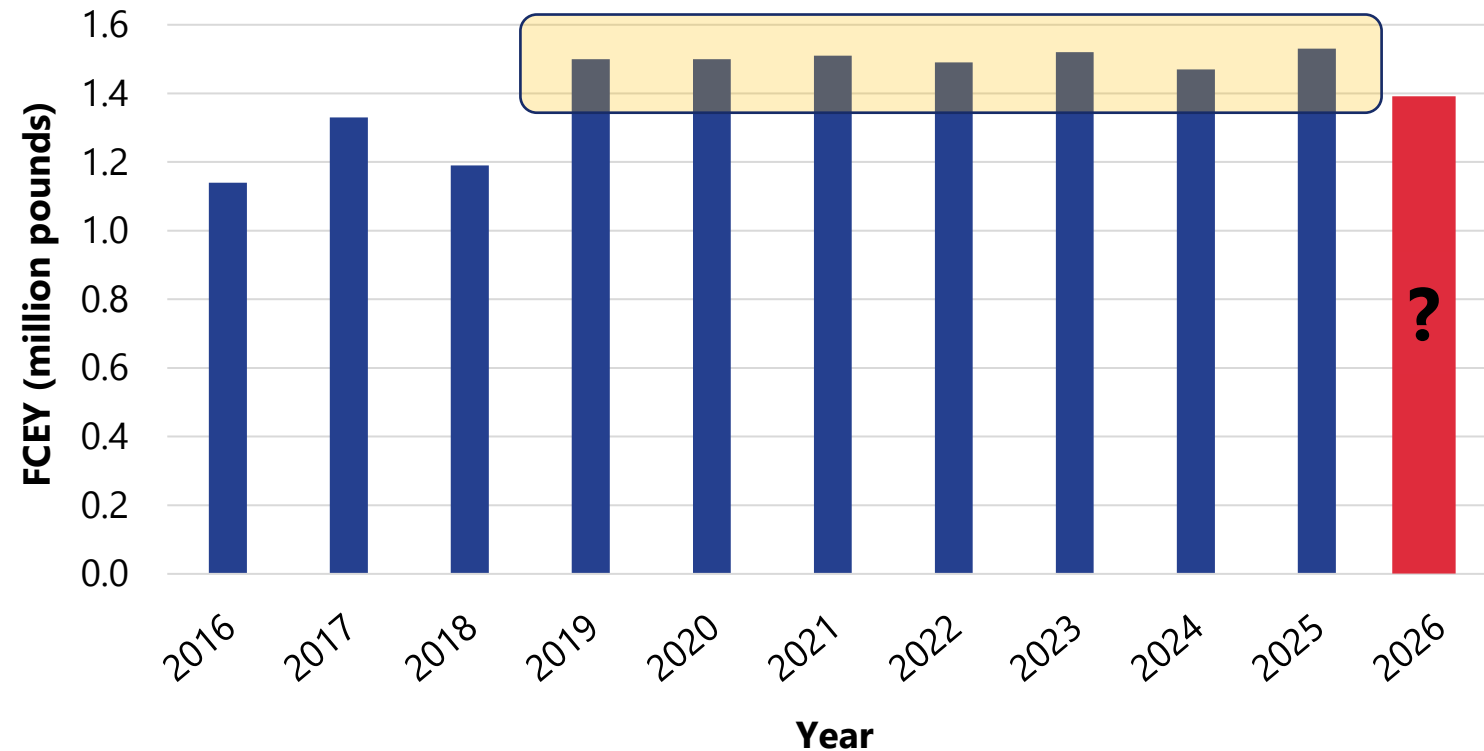
- Area 2A allocations
- Catch Sharing Plan Process
- Proposed changes to the 2026 recreational Pacific halibut fishery
  - Finalized in November
- Discussions on which proposal(s) Oregon anglers would like to see implemented

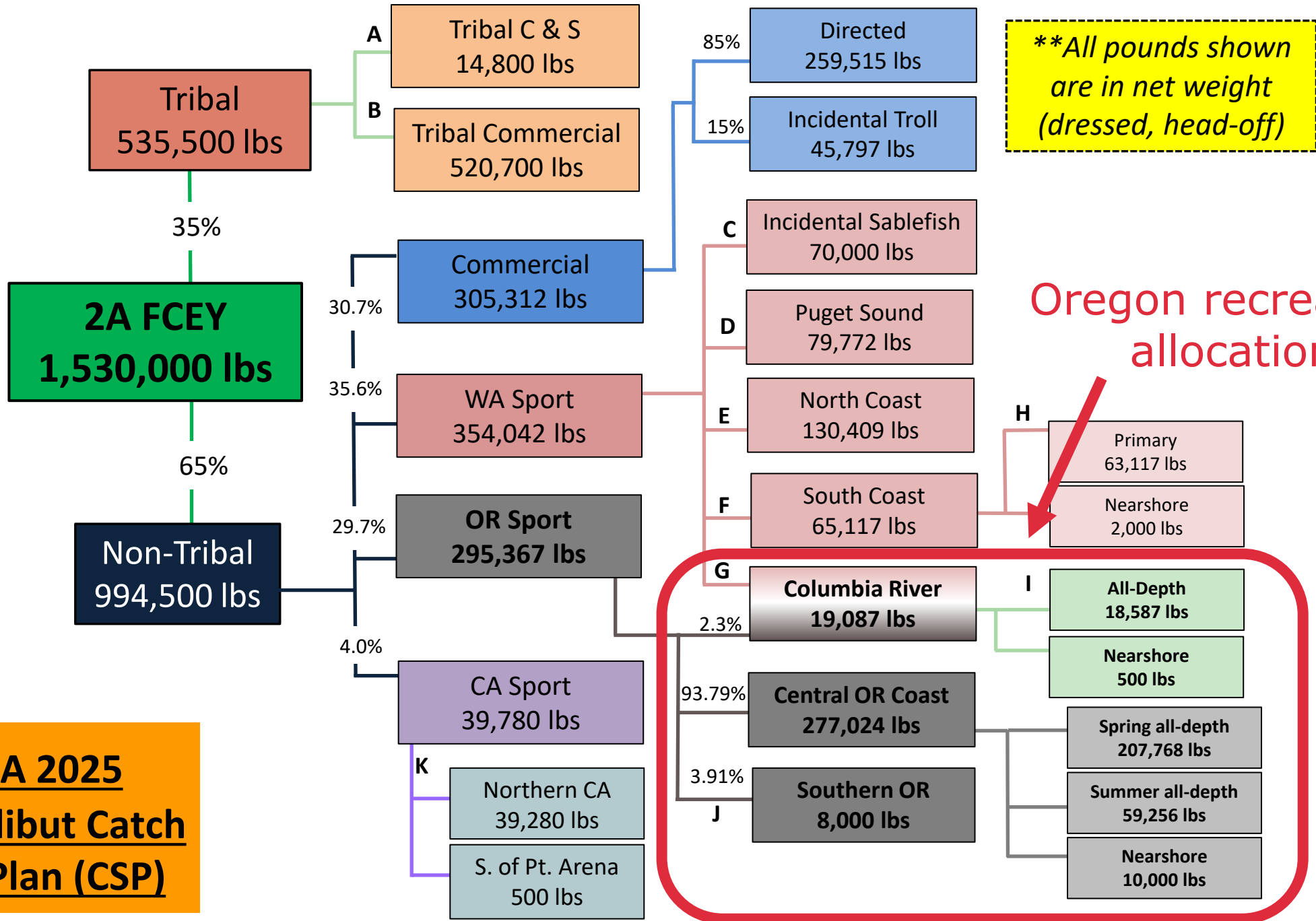


# Area 2A Allocation

- 2019 through 2025
  - 1.5 million lbs. allocation
  - Stabilized fisheries
  - No biological concern
  - Low compared to AK & BC
- **2026 quota is unknown**
  - Determined by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) in January 2026
  - **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)**

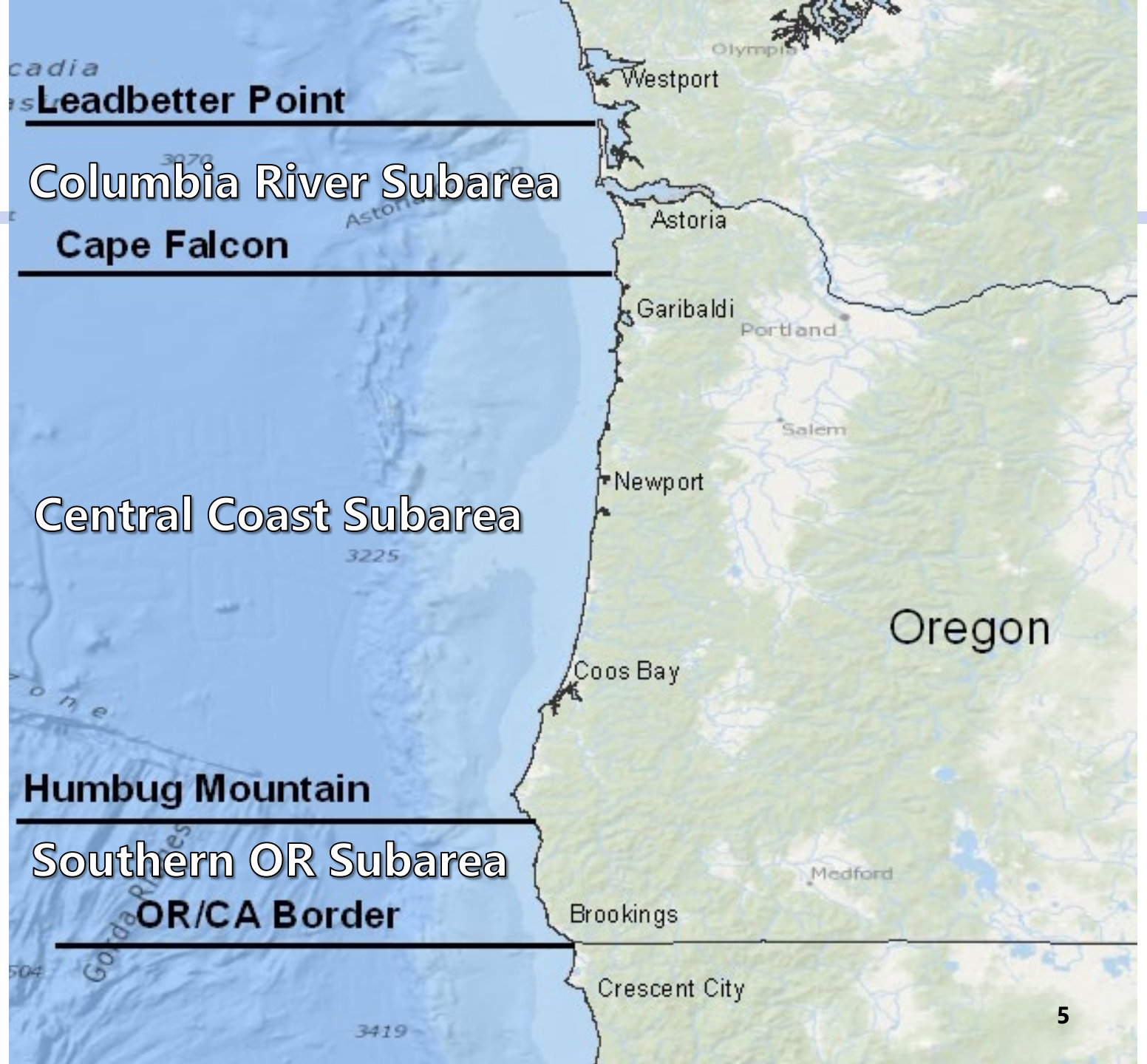
**Oregon recreational allocations**

**Area 2A 2025 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP)**



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Oregon has three  
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: IPHC sets the fishing quota at their Annual Meeting



# Proposed Changes for the 2026 Pacific Halibut CSP Forwarded by the Council



# Proposal 1. Columbia River Subarea

- Status Quo: The nearshore fishery will be open Monday through Wednesday following the opening of the all-depth fishery.
- **Option 1** : The nearshore fishery will be open seven days per week (beginning May 1).
- **Option 2** : Remove the nearshore fishery and allocate the 500 pounds assigned to the nearshore fishery to the Columbia River subarea all-depth fishery.



# Proposal 2. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: The nearshore season opens June 1, seven days per week, unless the sub-quota is 25,000 lbs or greater, then it opens May 1.
- **Option 1:** The nearshore season opens May 1, seven days per week unless the Area 2A FCEY is less than 1.2M lbs, then it may be postponed and open on June 1.



# Proposal 3. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo:

2A FCEY (lb)	Central Coast Subarea Quota
$\geq 1,200,000$	Nearshore = 10,000 lb Spring AD = 75% Summer AD = 25% - 10,000 lb
$< 1,200,000$ and $\geq 700,000$	Nearshore = 12% Spring AD = 63% Summer AD = 25%
$< 700,000$	Nearshore = 25% Spring AD = 75%

- **Option 1:**

2A FCEY (lb)	Central Coast Subarea Quota
$\geq 700,000$	Nearshore = 10,000 lb Spring AD = 75% Summer AD = 25% - 10,000 lb
$< 700,000$	Nearshore = 25% Spring AD = 75% Summer AD = N/A





# 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 2026 Pacific Halibut Catch Sharing Plan:**

<https://www.pcouncil.org/>

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