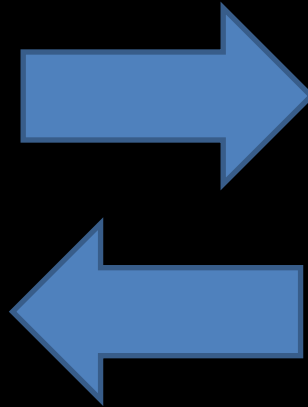


Halibut Meeting

Tell us your ideas to improve the fishery



Why are we here?

Halibut fisheries change

Need to adapt

Why are you here?

To tell us your ideas

Your ideas shape the fishery

Not a vote - All input matters

Please respect ideas of others

Overview:

- 1) Process for regulation changes
- 2) Your past ideas – and results
- 3) Current regulations and seasons
- 4) Discussion

Other questions or concerns?

Catch estimates

Stock Assessment

Biology or Behavior

Please wait until after the presentation

Process for regulation changes

1) Anglers propose changes

“Two-fish bag limit”

2) We evaluate proposals for merit

(+) Saves gas (-) Shorter seasons

3) We gauge support by anglers

Which would you rather have?

[21%] Two-fish bag, short season

[79%] One-fish bag, long season

What you have told us:

“Split us away from Newport”
“Will extend our seasons”

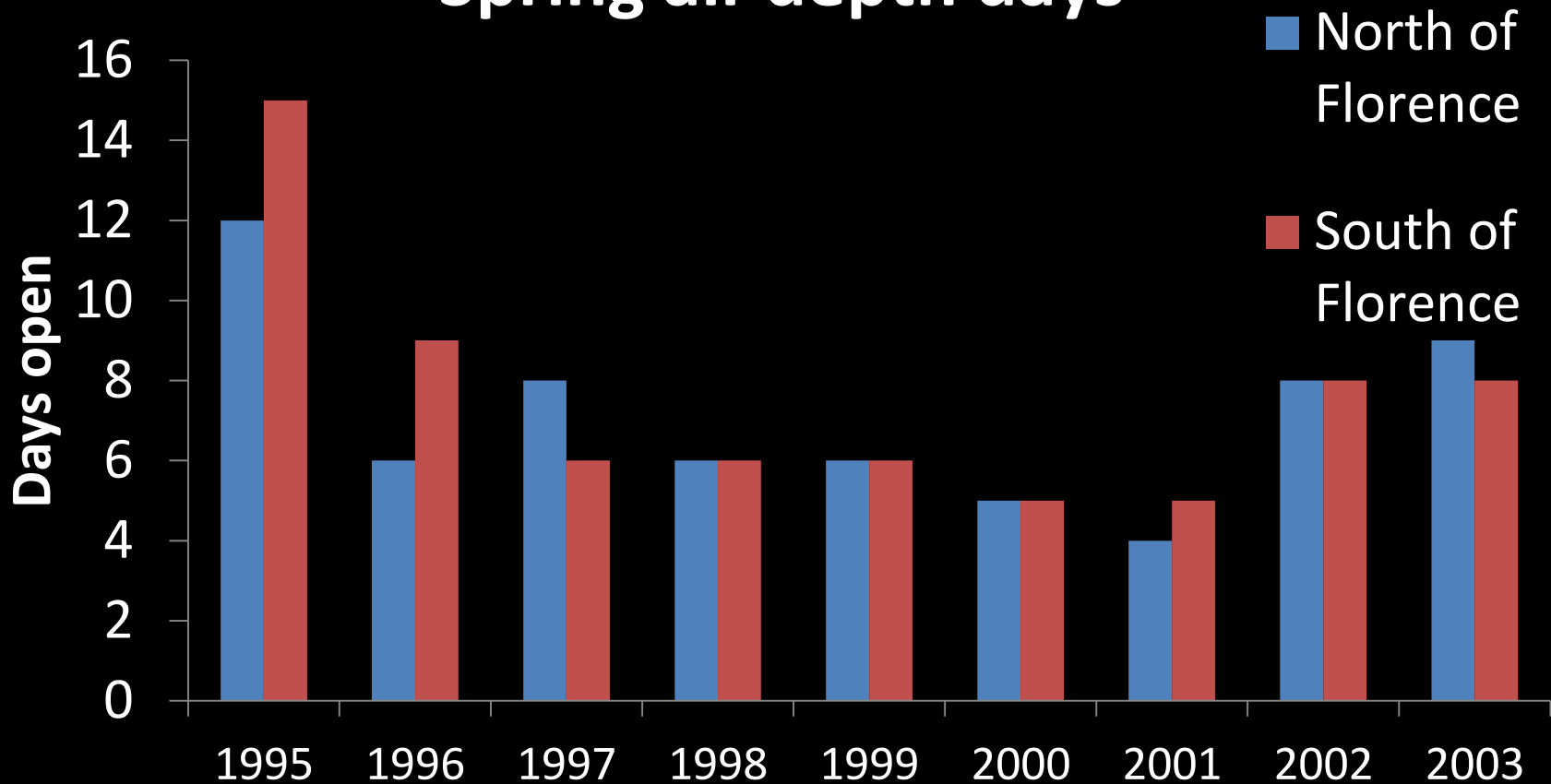
“Extend the nearshore season”
“To keep halibut from bottomfishing”

“Allow bottomfish on all-depth days”
“Have to throw back big lingcod”

~~Split from Newport~~

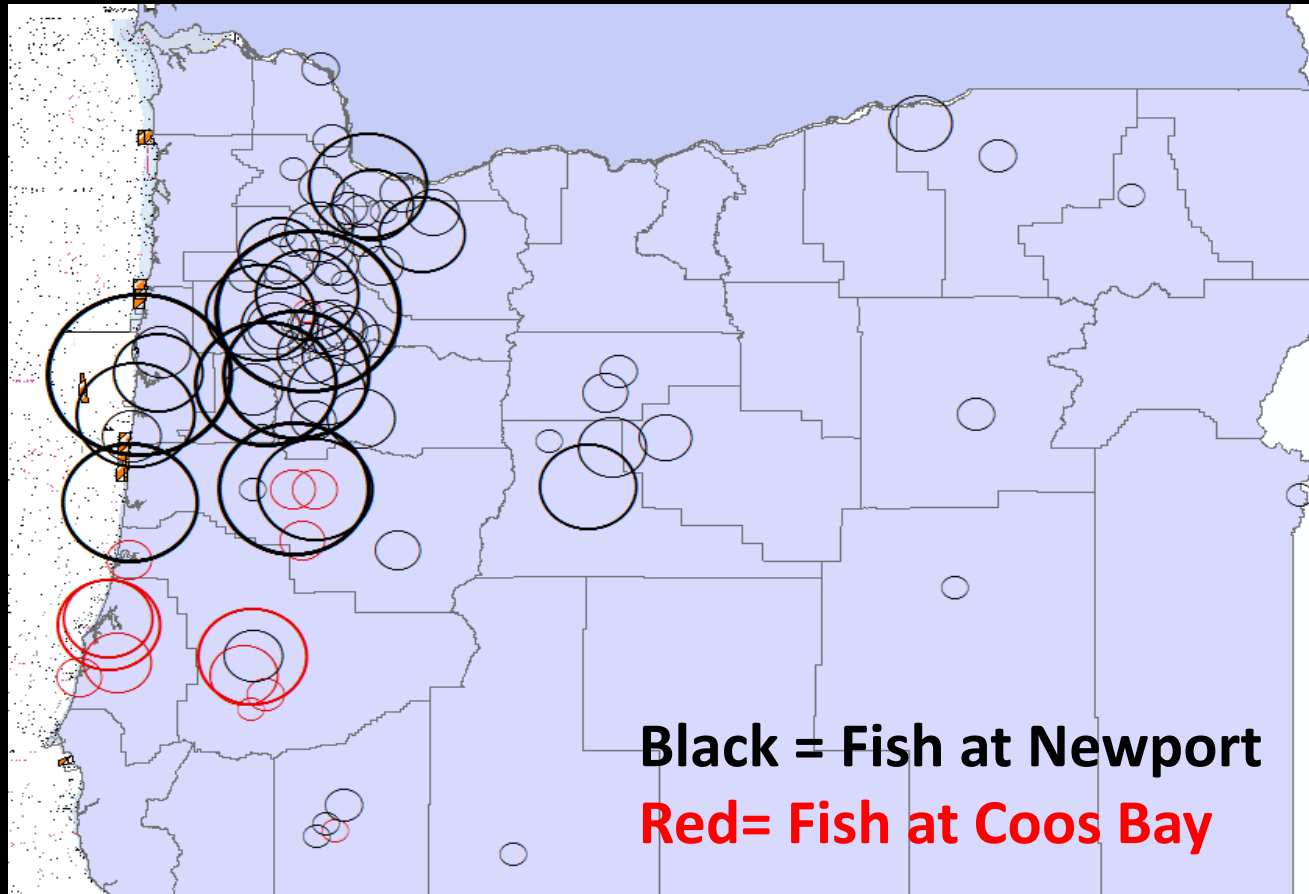
Past split did not extend seasons

Spring all-depth days



~~Split from Newport~~

Why did the split not help?



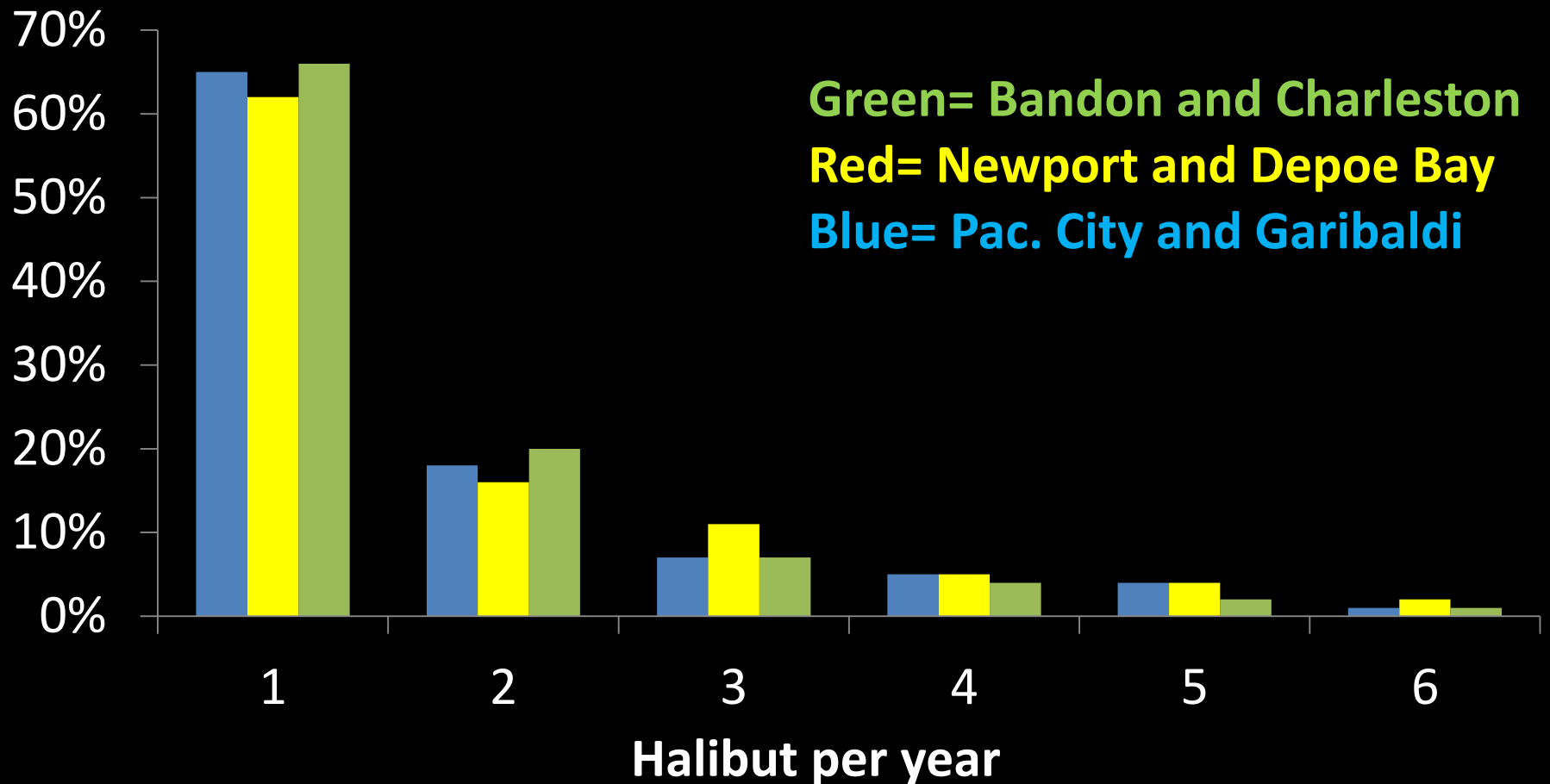
Anglers move
to open areas

Know where to
fish "High Spot"

Home cities of halibut anglers

Split from Newport

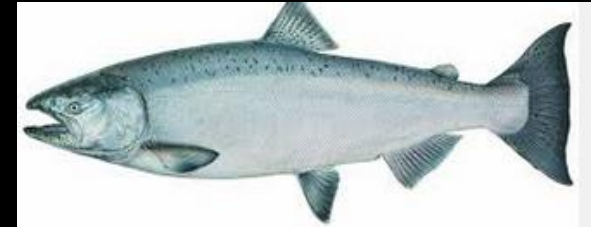
Catches per person are equal among ports



No Bottomfish on all-depth days

Allowed to keep most fish

(except for deep reef fish)



Allow others?

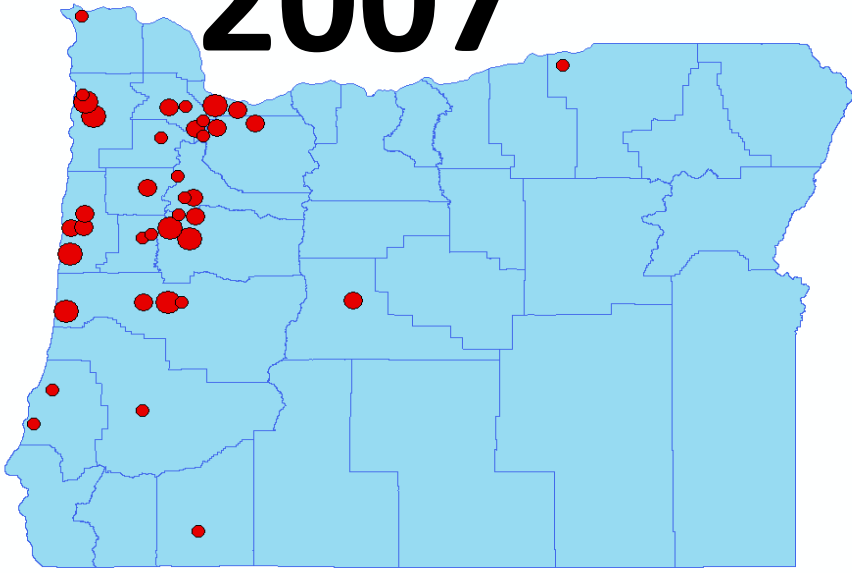


Worth the risk?

What you told us last year:

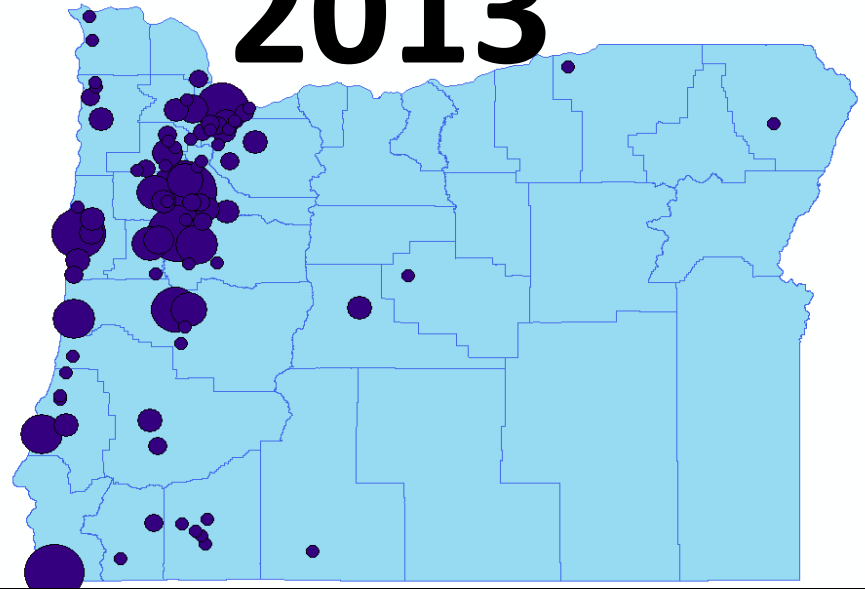
Extend the nearshore fishery

2007



140 days

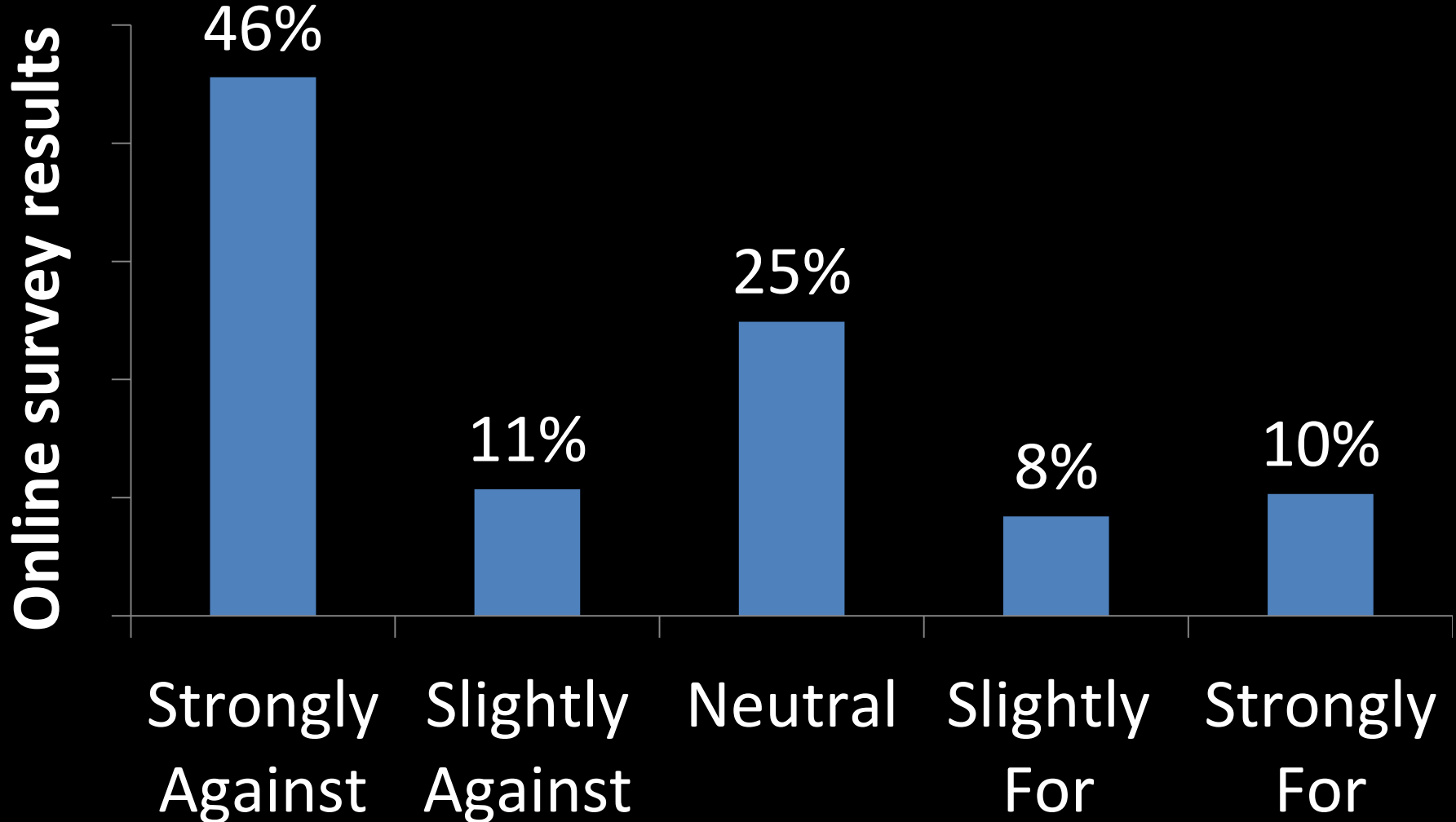
2013



22 days

Extend the nearshore season

Restrict the nearshore to 30-fathoms?



Change the nearshore season?

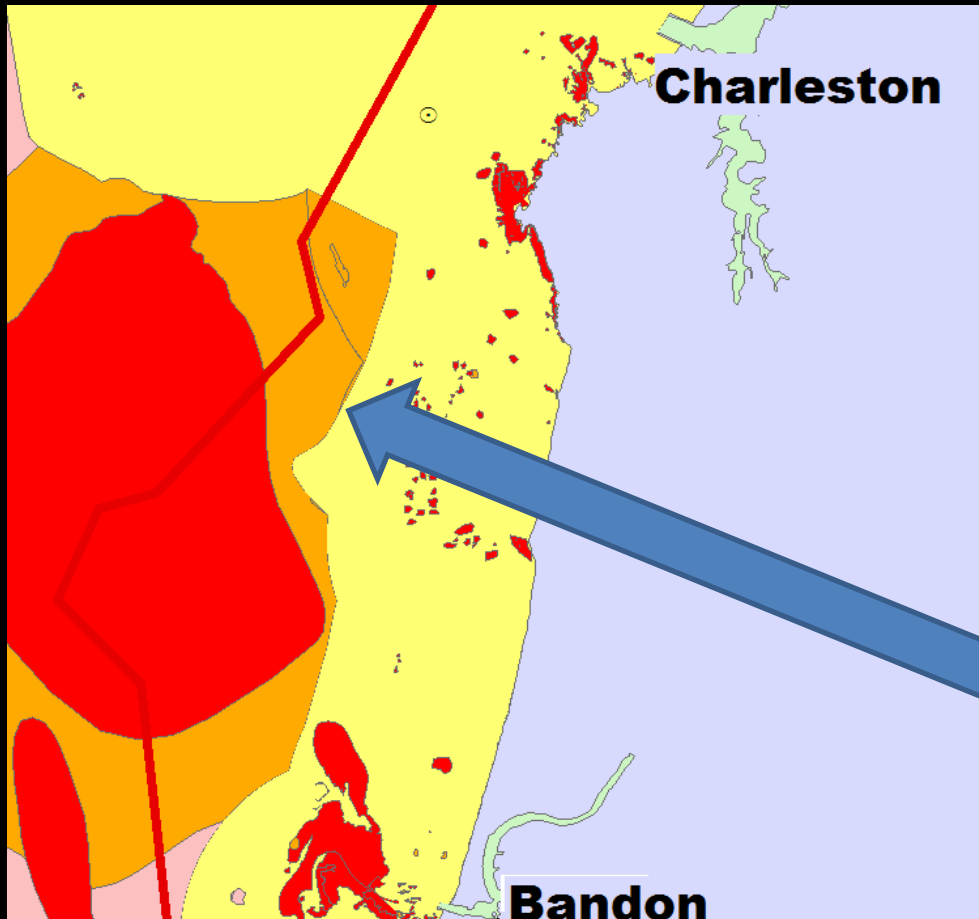
Later start & seven days per week?

Longer season this year

(22 days last year)

Nearshore fishery has changed:

Was a bycatch fishery, now targeted....



Halibut are here:

Bottomfish bycatch

Halibut survey

Good fishing spots?

Huge gravel bed
(within 40 fathoms)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Allocations:

61% Spring AD
25% Summer AD
12% Nearshore
2% Southern OR

Limits

Any size
Daily bag = 1
Annual bag = 6

Nearshore:

- July 1 start
- 7 days per week
- 40-fathom limit
- Bottomfish allowed

Spring all-depth:

- 2Nd week of May
- Thursday-Saturday
- Back-to-back weeks
(skip adverse tides)

Summer all-depth:

- Friday-Saturday
- Every other week

End of presentation – thank you!

What happens next?

After meeting, we will come up with specific proposals based on your input

In September, will ask you for more feedback on these proposals.