

2025 Central Coast Spring All-Depth Recreational Halibut Season Dates



February 10, 2024

5:30-7:00 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



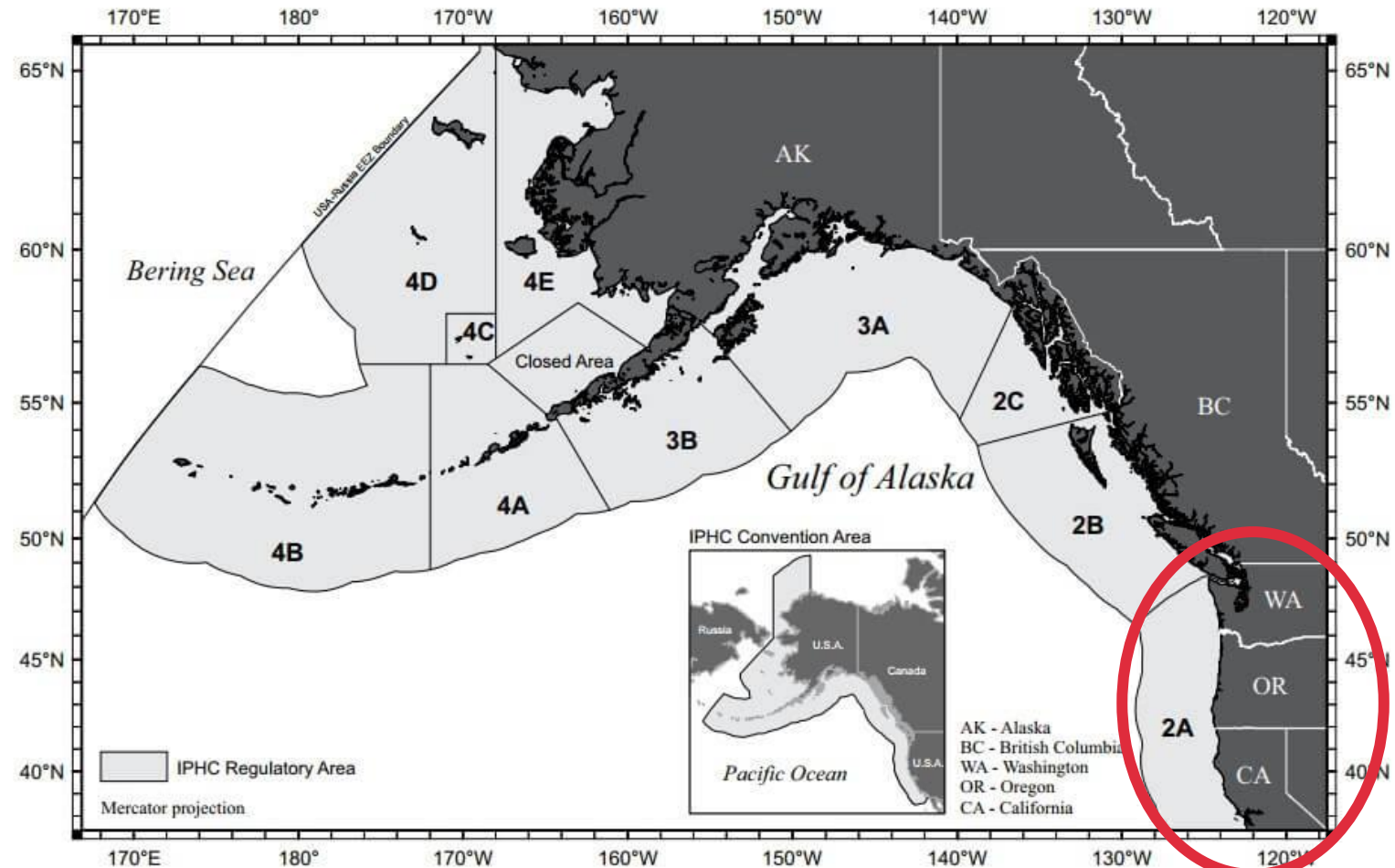
IPHC Annual Meeting Results

- Coastwide indices remain low
 - Alaska and BC fisheries have reduced their impacts to the stock since 2022 (>15% reduction for 2025)
 - West Coast (WA, OR and CA) have remained constant since 2019
- Both the IPHC survey and fisheries coastwide show that the 2012 year-class was the best year-class since 2005
 - Very low recruitment from 2006-2011 continues to reduce the short-term productivity of the stock
 - The 2016 year-class represented the largest year class in the 2024 IPHC survey providing some optimism for future years



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

- 2025 Area 2A Catch Limit: **1.5M lbs**
- Oregon Sport Quota: **295,367 lbs**



Oregon Recreational Halibut Quotas

		2024 quota net lbs.	2024 net lbs. caught	2025 quota net lbs.
Area 2A Total Catch Limit		1,470,000	1,302,308	1,530,000
Oregon Sport Quota		283,784	216,227	295,367
Columbia River	All-Depth	18,112	17,504	18,587
	Nearshore	500	0	500
Central Oregon Coast	Spring All-Depth	167,681	138,389	207,768
	Summer All-Depth	66,540	51,921	59,256
	Nearshore	31,939	0	10,000
Southern Oregon		8,000	8,413	8,000



Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan

Central Oregon Coast Subarea:

- Increase the all-depth quota and reduce the nearshore quota during years of higher overall quota
- Begin the summer all-depth fishery on August 1 instead of the first Thursday in August
- Clean up language to allow for any combination of days per week for anglers to go fishing





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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



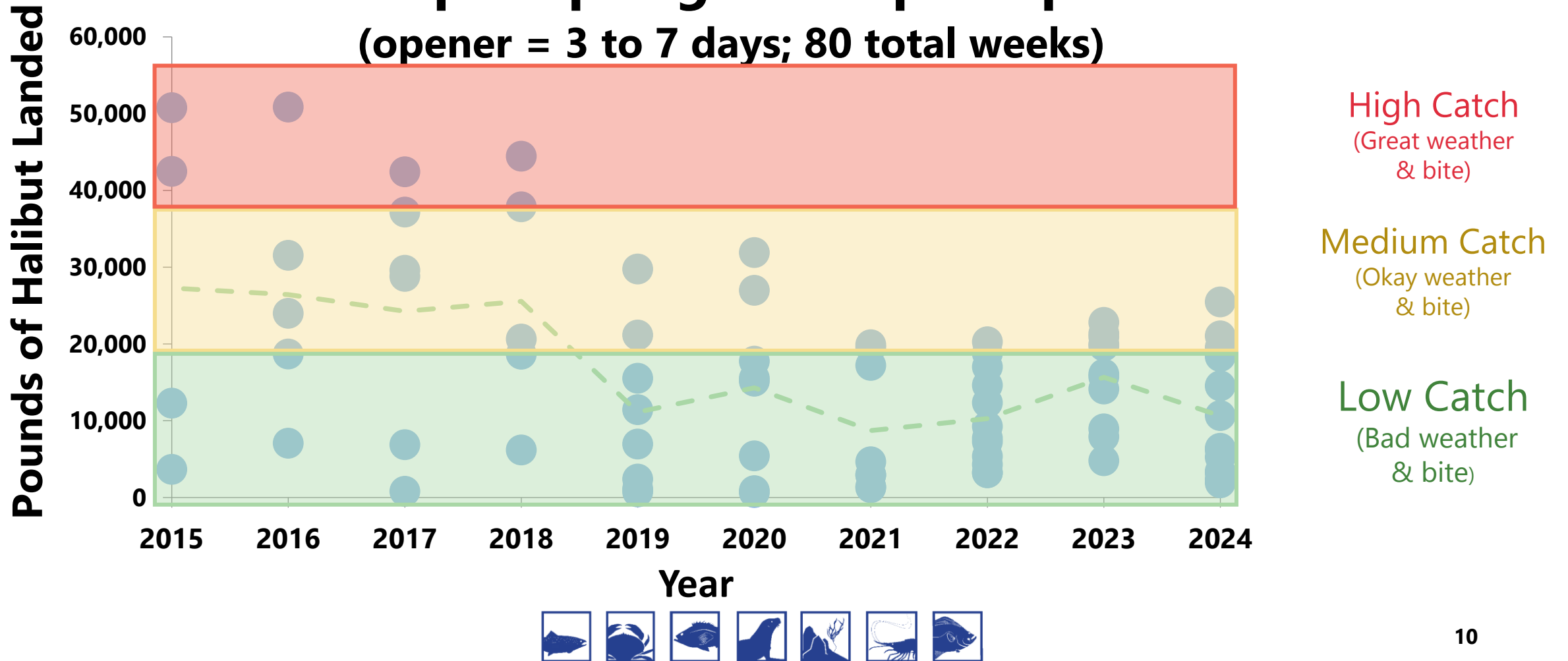
How Many Fixed Dates?

- 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



Total Landed Pounds per Opening for the Last 10 Years

Catch per Spring All-Depth Opener (opener = 3 to 7 days; 80 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 2025

- 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?



Thank you!

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