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Public Meeting on the 2024 Recreational Pacific Halibut Fishery



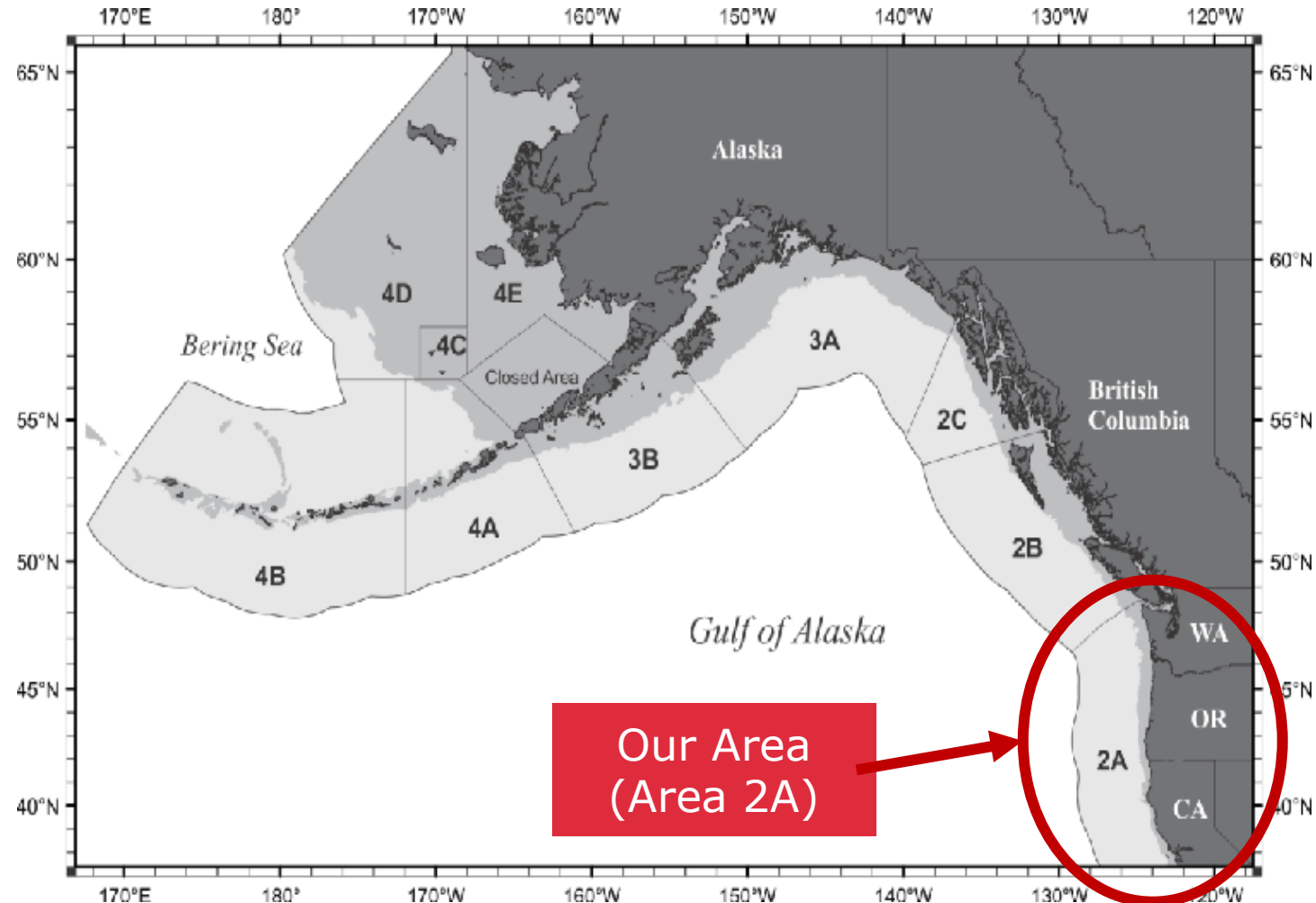
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Meeting Outline

- Catch Sharing Plan Process
- Proposed changes to the 2024 recreational Pacific halibut fishery
 - Finalized in November
- Discussions on which proposal(s) Oregon anglers would like to see implemented



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: The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) sets the fishing quota at their Annual Meeting



Proposed Changes for 2024 Pacific Halibut CSP Forwarded by the Council



Oregon has 3
subareas for the
recreational
Pacific halibut
fishery



Proposal 1. Columbia River Subarea

- Status Quo: All-depth fishing allowed up to two days per week (Thursdays and Sundays) during the months of May and June
 - If quota remains, open up to seven days per week in August and September
- **Option 1** : All-depth fishing allowed up to three days per week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays) during the months of May and June
 - If quota remains, open up to seven days per week in August and September



Proposal 2. Central Coast Subarea

- Status Quo: Oregon central coast spring all-depth back-up dates may be established every other week
 - Except week(s) may be skipped to avoid adverse tidal conditions. The potential back-up dates will be identified preseason
- **Option 1:** Oregon central coast spring all-depth back-up dates may be established every week
 - Except week(s) may be skipped to avoid adverse tidal conditions. The potential back-up dates will be identified preseason



Proposal 3. Allocation Shift

- Status Quo: No allocation shift
- **Option 1:** Move 2 percent of the OR sport allocation and 1 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation
 - Based on 2023 FCEY, this would decrease OR sport quota by **19,760 lbs.**
- **Option 2:** Move 1 percent of the OR sport allocation and 0.5 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation
 - Based on 2023 FCEY, this would decrease OR sport quota by **9,880 lbs.**
- **Option 3:** Move 0.6 percent of the OR sport allocation and 0.4 percent of the WA sport allocation to the CA sport allocation
 - Based on 2023 FCEY, this would decrease OR sport quota by **5,928 lbs.**





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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





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Thank you

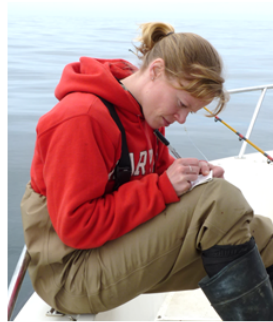
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Reminder: upon landing a halibut, you need to **IMMEDIATELY record the fish on your Combined Angling Tag**



Immediately means:

- Prior to rebaiting & 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 app and log in before you leave the dock

- If having trouble getting the app to open while offshore, try putting the phone in "airplane" mode
- Once the app is open, you can record your fish
- When you get back into cell service take off "airplane" mode, and it will upload tagged fish to the system

For more info on tagging salmon and halibut, see:

<https://myodfw.com/articles/9-tips-tagging-fish-and-game-using-e-tagging-or-paper-tags>

