Timeline for Setting Pacific Halibut Sport Fishing Regulations in Oregon

- Numerous agencies and steps are involved in setting up Oregon's Pacific halibut sport fishery each year.
- The process for each season begins in August of the preceding year – this is when changes and alternatives to the Catch Sharing Plan (CSP) are proposed and introduced into the record.
- The CSP indicates how Pacific halibut are allocated between user groups in Oregon, Washington and California, and it spells out how Pacific halibut will be managed during the year.

**August**
- ODFW Solicits public input for changes to the CSP. This is the opportunity for the public to propose regulations for the following year (bag limits, size limits, allocations between seasons, etc.). Any ideas proposed after August must wait until August of the following year for consideration.

**Sep**
- ODFW Solicits public input about the proposed CSP changes that were selected by PFMC for additional review. At this point, no “new ideas” can be considered for the upcoming season.

**Oct**
- ODFW Solicits public input about the number of days for the Oregon central coast subarea all-depth spring halibut fishery. At this point, no “new ideas” can be considered for the upcoming season.
- PFMC Selects which of the proposed CSP changes and alternatives submitted by ODFW will move forward for additional public and agency review.

**Nov**
- PFMC Adopts final changes to the CSP for the following year.

**Dec**
- IPHC Sets final catch limits for the US and Canada.

**Jan**
- IPHC Staff recommend preliminary catch limits for the US and Canada.

**Feb**
- ODFW Solicits public input about the number of days for the Oregon central coast subarea all-depth spring halibut fishery. At this point, no “new ideas” can be considered for the upcoming season.

**Mar**
- Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Adopts halibut regulations including number of days and dates for the Oregon central coast subarea all-depth spring halibut fishery.

**Apr**
- NMFS Approves and publishes the CSP and implements management measures.

Pacific halibut sport fisheries open in May

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**Acronyms**
- CSP: Catch Sharing Plan
- IPHC: International Pacific Halibut Commission
- NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service
- ODFW: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- PFMC: Pacific Fishery Management Council

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