

NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Area 2C and Area 3A Guideline Harvest Level Motion
April 1, 2007
draft

Area 2C GHL Management Measures

Alternative 1. No action

Alternative 2. Implement one or more of the following management measures to reduce charter halibut harvests to the Guideline Harvest Level.

- Option 1. No more than one trip per vessel per day.
- Option 2. No harvest by skipper and crew; line limits (number of lines = numbers of clients).
- Option 3. Annual limits of four or five or six fish per angler
- Option 4. Reduced bag limits of one fish per day for May, June, July, August, September, or the entire season.
- Option 5. A two fish bag limit with one fish any size and one fish larger than 45" or 50".
- Option 6. A two fish bag limit with one fish any size and one fish less than 32 inches.
- Option 7. A two fish bag limit with one fish any size and one fish either less than 32" or greater than 45" or 50".
- Option 8. Combination of Options 1, 2, & 5 (*one trip; skipper/crew; trophy 2nd fish*)
- Option 9. Combination of Options 1, 2, & 6 (*one trip; skipper/crew; <32" 2nd fish*)
- Option 10. Combination of Options 1, 2, & 7 (*one trip; skipper/crew; <32" or trophy 2nd fish*)
- Option 11. Combination of Options 1, 2, 3, & 5 (*one trip; skipper/crew; annual limits; trophy 2nd fish*)
- Option 12. Combination of Options 1, 2, 3, & 6 (*one trip; skipper/crew; annual limits; <32" 2nd fish*)
- Option 13. Combination of Options 1, 2, 3, & 7 (*one trip; skipper/crew; annual limits; <32" or trophy 2nd fish*)

Three options were considered and rejected for future action: 1) Closing the season after August 15, Sept 1, or Sept 15; 2) Closing one or more days of the week to halibut fishing; and 3) A minimum size limit of 32 inches.

The Council requested that staff compare options relative to status quo (Alt 1) and Option 6 (NMFS preferred alternative for 2007) and discuss the possibility that the GHL step down provisions may be triggered in 2008 as a result of a reduced CEY in Area 2C. This is to inform the public that the Council may choose to select management measures to achieve a harvest of either the current GHL of 1.432 M lbs or the step down of 1.217 M lbs for Area 2C.

Area 3A GHL Management Measures

Alternative 1. No action

Alternative 2. Implement one or more of the following management measures to reduce charter halibut harvests to the Guideline Harvest Level.

- Option 1. No more than one trip per vessel per day.
- Option 2. No harvest by skipper and crew; line limits (number of lines = numbers of clients).
- Option 3. Limits of four or five or six fish per angler.
- Option 4. Reduced bag limits of one fish per day for May, June, July, August, or the entire season.
- Option 5. A two fish bag limit with one fish any size and one fish larger than 45" or 50".
- Option 6. A two fish bag limit with one fish any size and one fish less than 32", 34", or 36".
- Option 7. A two fish bag limit with one fish any size and one fish less than 32" or larger than 45" or 50".