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IPHC NEWS RELEASE 2017-26 **SPORT FISHERIES: IPHC REGULATORY AREA 2B (CANADA) CLOSURE**

Closed: IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada) Pacific halibut sport fishery - The IPHC Regulatory Area 2B Pacific halibut sport fishery for 2017 is estimated to have harvested the allowed catch limit of 1,118,029 pounds by early September. As a result, the IPHC Regulatory Area 2B Pacific halibut sport fishery will close at the end of the day (23:59 PDT) Wednesday, 6 September 2017. This fishery will then be closed for the remainder of 2017.

An experimental licence program is available that provides an opportunity for recreational harvesters to retain Pacific halibut beyond this closure date under the British Columbia Tidal Waters Sport Fishing Licence by acquiring Pacific halibut quota from the commercial fishery.

More information is available on the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) website:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/commercial/ground-fond/halibut-fletan/2015/presentation-en.html> .

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