



**REGULATORY PROPOSAL 2020**  
**Alaska Recreational Fisheries**

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**IPHC Regulatory Areas that may be affected: 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E**  
**Fishery Sector: Recreational**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

2020 marks 50 years as an Idaho Lic Outfitter and Guide and 34 years as an Alaska fish and charter operator--I have watched over all the years the changes affecting many different species and am saddened by how things have went down and down and more and more rules - the following are a number of things that are at hand as this is written- We as Americans are guaranteed the right to enter into a legal business- in no way am I against people doing business-

1-Rental boat businesses have that right and now I hear new rules are being drafted to address the rental guest from taking 2 Halibut per day any size every day

2- 2-C has 1 halibut reverse slot limit- a charter boat is anchored and has to release halibut over 38 inches and so the charter catches a 60 inch and by law has to release it== anchored beside the charter is a rental and they catch an over size and kill it, the charter guest now asked why- not against the law simply unfair-

3- zone 3-A has 2 Halibut per day one has to be under 28 inches? this is baby and I understand new rules for that practice may be in the works-

4- Now a going problem is the FRIEND thing where a scab charter person books and takes out friends and is simply paid under the table -again they take 2 Halibut per day any size- some actually own places and some simply rent and if flags come up they simply move on- these phony operators need no lic- or any other regulatory things that the legal operator has to have-has to have-

5- NOAA I understand is now faced with how do we deal with the above with new rules and I might add that the mortality from trying to measure Halibut goes way up, I ask NOAA have any of you actually had to measure a Halibut, try it as the only way is to board the fish and on the floor hold it down and if to long throw over board. I have

personally watched while at anchor Boats with up to 3 Halibut hanging by a rope waiting to catch a bigger one-

My strong suggestion for dealing with most of the above is very simple and every charter person I have visited think it is the best way, less mortality and far less time spent on new rules that really only add to the Halibut problems- Do all a favor with across the board fair bag limit on Halibut and they win big time- What is the answer to addressing the above.

**SUGGESTED REGULATORY LANGUAGE**

My suggested regulatory Rule is very simple and puts all users on the same play field. One Halibut per day any size. A state wide rule in Alaska for Non-Resident fishers. Now as Charter Guides we can start with educating not only the Charter Guides but the Guests. Having a picture of a big Halibut on the wall or I pad is simply an ego trip. With this rule ten NOAA can spend more time on other Halibut issues.

Thank You Larry Jarrett