



**IPHC Fishery Regulations:
Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)
(Regulatory Area 2A)**

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Directed Commercial Recreational Subsistence Non-directed commercial All
All Regulatory Areas All Alaska Regulatory Areas All U.S. Regulatory Areas
2A 2B 2C 3A 3B 4A 4B 4C 4D 4E

PURPOSE

To propose a TCEY for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A of 1.65Mlb for 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Recalling Rule 8, para 6 of the [IPHC Rules of Procedure \(2023\)](#) that states:

“6. New regulatory proposals or amendments to existing regulations (including catch limit proposals) shall be submitted to the Executive Director no less than 30 days before the date fixed for the opening of the Session at which they are to be considered. The Executive Director shall make the proposals available on the public access area of the IPHC website no later than two (2) business day after receipt.”

From 2019 to 2023, Regulatory Area 2A has received a constant TCEY allocation of 1.65Mlb. This allocation, initially put in place in 2019, has provided a consistent and biologically justified TCEY for Area 2A which has minimal impact on the coastwide Pacific halibut biomass, as acknowledged by the Secretariat at each Commission meeting since. The Makah Tribe is submitting this proposal for the 2024 annual IPHC process in support of a constant TCEY of 1.65 Mlb.

Makah Tribe would like to highlight the following language from the 2023 Annual Meeting Report ([IPHC-2023-AM099-R](#)):

Para. 107. The Commission NOTED that the United States Government recognizes its trust responsibility to the 13 treaty tribes in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A that depend upon Pacific halibut, as such, the U.S.A. Commissioners have consistently supported a TCEY of 1.65Mlb for Regulatory Area 2A since 2019.

Para. 108. The Commission NOTED the USA Commissioners view that this allocation reflects the needs of IPHC Regulatory Area 2A Pacific halibut users, with minimal impact on the larger Pacific halibut biomass that is distributed to the north, and it remains a small fraction of the IPHC Region 2 allocation.

Additionally, the Makah Tribe is submitting this proposal to ensure that the IPhC Secretariat speaks to the constant TCEY allocation of 1.65 Mlb for Area 2A, in terms of whether there are any conservation concerns with this proposal, and the impacts this has had on the stock from 2019-2023.

[Appendix A](#) provides details on the suggested regulatory language.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** regulatory proposal IPhC-2024-AM100-PropC1, that proposes a TCEY for IPhC Regulatory Area 2A of not lower than 1.65Mlb for 2024.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Suggested regulatory language

APPENDIX A
SUGGESTED REGULATORY LANGUAGE (*AT A MINIMUM)

5. Mortality and Fishery Limits

(1) The Commission has adopted the following distributed mortality (TCEY) values:

IPHC Regulatory Area	Distributed mortality limits (TCEY) (net weight)	
	Tonnes (t)	Million Pounds (Mlb)
Area 2A (California, Oregon, and Washington)	748*	1.65*