



IPHC Fishery Regulations:

Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) – year-round commercial Pacific halibut fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B

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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 year-round commercial Pacific halibut fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This is a proposal to have a year-round commercial halibut fishery in Canadian waters, IPHC Regulatory Area 2B. This proposal would allow the retention and sale of Pacific halibut year-round in Canadian waters.

Date requested: 21 February to 20 February 20 of the following year. These proposed dates coincide with the other groundfish fisheries in Canada.

[Appendix A](#) provides details on the suggested regulatory language, as provided by the proponent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** regulatory proposal IPHC-2024-IM100-PropC1 that proposes year-round commercial Pacific halibut fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Suggested regulatory language, as provided by the proponent.

APPENDIX A
SUGGESTED REGULATORY LANGUAGE, AS PROVIDED BY THE PROPONENT

9. Commercial Fishing Periods

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- (2) Unless the Commission specifies otherwise, commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all USA IPHC Regulatory Areas may begin no earlier in the year than 06:00 local time on 15 March.
- (3) All commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all USA IPHC Regulatory Areas shall cease for the year at 23:59 local time on 7 December.
- (4) Unless the Commission specifies otherwise, commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B may be permitted from 20 February 00:01 hours to 20 February 23:59 hours of the following year on an annual basis.