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HALIBUT COMMISSION

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2025-26 process

Agenda item: 10
IPHC-2025-IM101-15 Rev_1
(B. Hutniczak)



Regulatory process

[IPHC Fishery Regulation Portal](#) available on the IPHC website

Deadline (30 days prior to each meeting)

- For IM101 – 2 November 2025
- For AM102 – 20 December 2025



IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals: Secretariat

Document number	Title	Brief description
IPHC-2025-WM2025-PropA1 [draft provided]	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)	To provide clear documentation of mortality and fishery limits within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5). <i>Mortality and fishery limits tables will be filled when the Commission adopts TCEYs for the individual IPHC Regulatory Areas.</i>
IPHC-2025-WM2025-PropA2 [draft provided]	Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)	To specify fishing periods for the directed commercial Pacific halibut fisheries within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9).



IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals: Contracting Parties

Document number	Title	Brief description
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB1 [expected]	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28): Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A	<u>Proponent:</u> USA (NOAA Fisheries) To propose charter management measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A reflective of mortality limits adopted by the IPHC and resulting allocations under the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan.
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropB2 [draft provided]	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (<u>Sect. 27</u>) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B	<u>Proponent:</u> Canada (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) To propose the daily bag limit of up to three fish per day per person in the recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B beginning on or after 1 August of each year. <i>* Flexibility provision in Section 27(1)(c) remains in effect through 2025, unless extended by a vote of the Commission.</i>



Section 27 – Recreational (Sport) Fishing - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B

27. Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut—IPHC Regulatory Area 2B

(1) In all waters off British Columbia:^{6,7}

(a) the recreational (sport) fishing season will open on 1 February;

(b) the recreational (sport) fishing season will close when the recreational (sport) fishery limit allocated by DFO is taken, or 31 December, whichever is earlier; and

(c) the daily bag limit is two (2) Pacific halibut of any size per day, per person, and may be increased to a daily bag limit of three (3) Pacific halibut per day, per person on or after 1 August. ~~This provision shall remain in effect through 2025, unless extended by a vote of the Commission.~~

⁶ DFO could implement more restrictive regulations for the recreational (sport) fishery, therefore anglers are advised to check the current Federal or Provincial regulations prior to fishing.

⁷ For regulations on the experimental recreational fishery implemented by DFO check the current Federal or Provincial regulations.



IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals: Stakeholders

None to date

Stakeholder comments

Title and author	Date received
Denny Corbin, Pacific halibut fisherman	4 May 2025
Forrest Braden (Southeast Alaska Guides Organization)	1 December 2025

➤ Comments in full: [IPHC-2025-IM101-INF01 Rev_1](#)

Comments may be submitted via online [IPHC Stakeholder Comment Form](#)



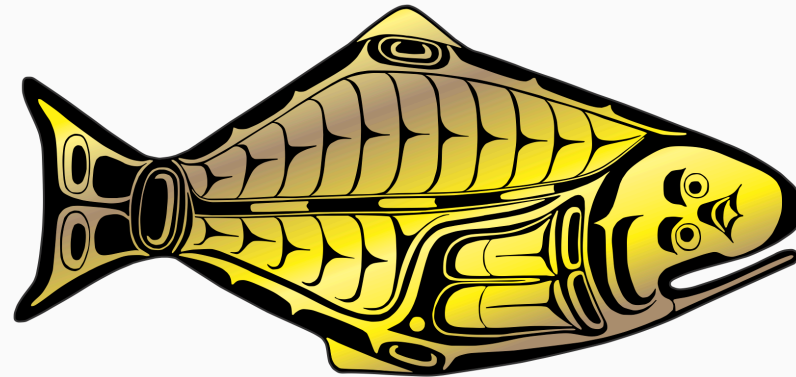
Recommendation

That the Commission:

- 1) NOTE** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-15 Rev_1, which provides the Commission with an overview of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted or indicated their intent to submit for consideration by the Commission in the 2025-26 process.



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