IPHC Fishery Regulation Proposal:

Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5) - Incorporating Recreational Fishing Quota issued to the guided recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C and Area 3A into the IPHC Fishery Regulations table containing Contracting Party catch sharing arrangements and respective quantities

SUBMITTED BY: USA (NOAA FISHERIES) (30 OCTOBER 2026)

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 incorporating Recreational Fishing Quota issued to the guided recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C and Area 3A into the IPHC Fishery Regulations table containing Contracting Party catch sharing arrangements and respective quantities.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

NOAA Fisheries expects to introduce a regulatory proposal at the IPHC Annual Meeting to modify the table following § 5(2) to include the amount of Recreational Fishing Quota (RFQ) issued to the Recreational Quota Entity in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C and Area 3A. RFQ is commercial Pacific halibut quota share that has been purchased and transferred from the directed commercial sector to the guided recreational sector, and 2027 will be the first year RFQ will be issued. For IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A, the respective annual charter Pacific halibut management measures will be based on the sum of the catch sharing plan allocation and the amount of RFQ issued each year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

1) **NOTE** IPHC Fishery Regulation proposal IPHC-2026-IM102-PropB5, which proposes incorporating Recreational Fishing Quota issued to the guided recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C and Area 3A into the IPHC Fishery Regulations table containing Contracting Party catch sharing arrangements and respective quantities.

SUGGESTED REGULATORY LANGUAGE.

To be provided 30 days before the IPHC Annual Meeting.