

Pacific Halibut

Review 2022 – Plan 2023

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Purpose of meeting

Review 2022

- Catch to date
- Inseason actions

Plan 2023

- Process: Meetings and Dates
- Begin planning
 - Overview of Catch Sharing Plan Objectives and Management Performance

Review 2022

Catch Update

Subarea	Subarea Quota	WA Catch-to-Date	Quota Remaining	thru (updated July 11)	% caught	% remaining quota
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North Coast	133,847	54,293	79,554	June 30	40.6%	59.4%
Puget Sound	83,210	49,308	33,902	June 30	59.3%	40.7%
South Coast	68,555	54,013	14,542	June 30	78.8%	21.2%
Columbia River	18,537	13,573	4,964	June 30	73.2%	26.8%
CR nearshore	500	43	457	June 30	8.6%	91.4%
Total WA	304,649	173,372.4	131,277		56.2%	43.8%

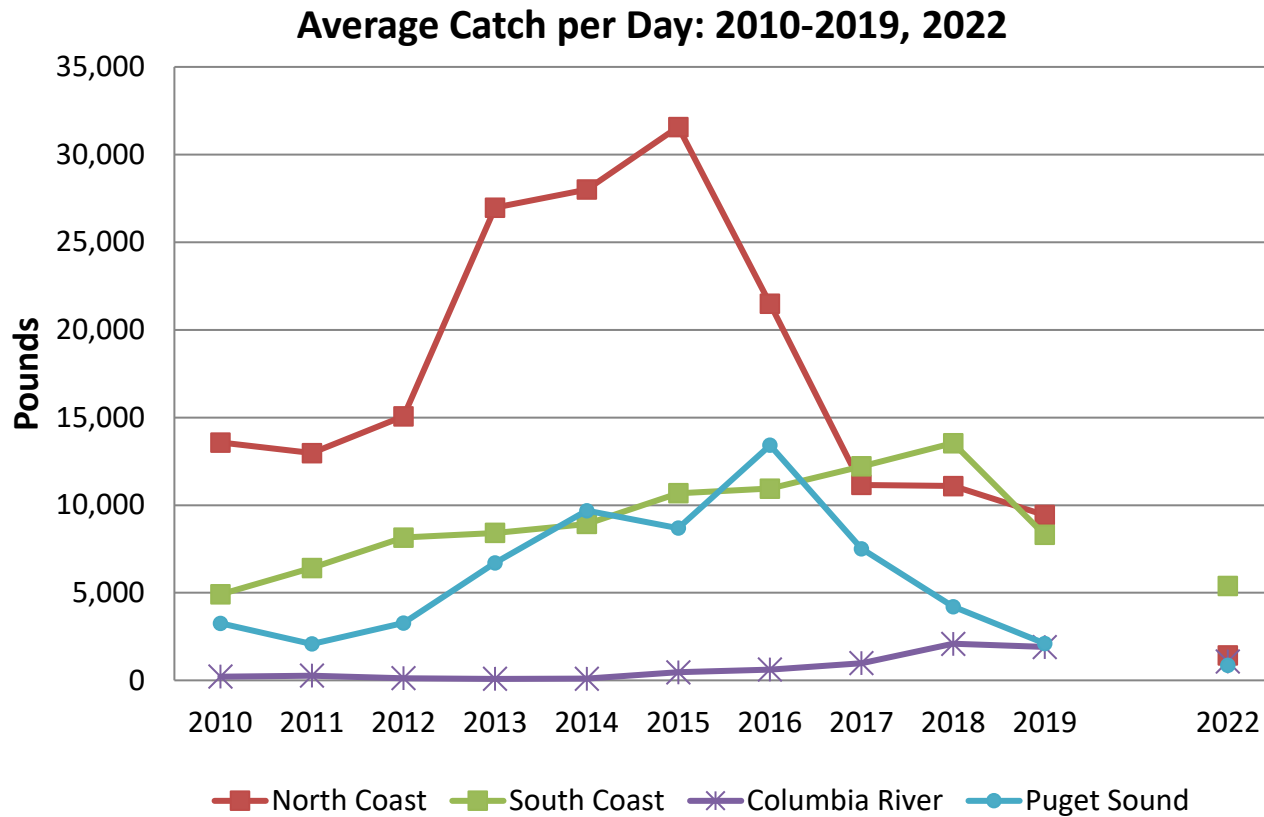
Puget Sound includes Marine Area 7 and 9, Wave 2 (April)

Puget Sound catch estimates for May forward will be added as they are available

Columbia River does not include OR landings (with OR – 15,716 lbs., %caught 84.8)

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Compare Catch per Day



Catch per day in previous years and 2022 may not be directly comparable.
Average catch for 2022 only includes days with fishing effort.

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Late Season Opportunity

- Announced additional season dates July 21

Columbia River (Area 1) All Depth Fishery, including Southern Near Shore Fishery area
August 19, 25, and 28; September 3, 4, and 23, 2022

Southern Near Shore Fishery (Area 1)

Immediately through September 28, 2022; Mondays through Wednesdays

South Coast (Area 2) All Depth Fishery, including Northern Near Shore Fishery area
August 19, 25, and 28; September 3, 4, and 23, 2022

North Coast (Areas 3 and 4)

August 11 through September 5, 2022; Thursdays through Mondays
September 6 through September 30, seven days per week

Puget Sound (Area 5 through 10)

August 11 through September 30, 2022, seven days per week

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Planning Process

August 9	WDFW Public Meeting	Review 2022 season, kick off discussion of 2023 Catch Sharing Plan, take public input
September 7-14	Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting	WDFW recommends season structure options and Council approves them for public review
October 4	WDFW Public Meeting	Review options from September and refine WA recommendations for final season structure and dates, take public input
November 2-8	Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting	WDFW submits final recommendation and Council considers public comments and final season recommendations for adoption

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Catch Sharing Plan

Management Goals

1. Establish season structures for each subarea that maximize fishing opportunity and achieve but not exceed subarea quotas.
2. Flexibility through timely inseason action(s), such as opening additional fishing days or shifting quotas between subareas, may be necessary to achieve the overall Washington sport allocation and fishery objectives.

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Catch Sharing Plan

Objectives

All Sub-areas

- Season dates will be developed at the end of November each year for the following year
- Open 3 days per week April, May, June; may include at least one weekday and one weekend day
- If quota remains after final open day in June, additional openings may be implemented in August and September

Sub-area specific

- Puget Sound – earliest date to open April 1
- Coastal subareas – earliest date to open April 30
- Columbia River – season dates coordinated with Oregon, no Saturdays
- Columbia River Nearshore – open Monday – Wednesday following opening of the all-depth fishery through September 30 or until 500 lb. quota attained
- South Coast Nearshore – May open if balance of primary fishery quota is insufficient for a full fishing day, open first Saturday after closure of primary fishery, seven days per week until quota taken

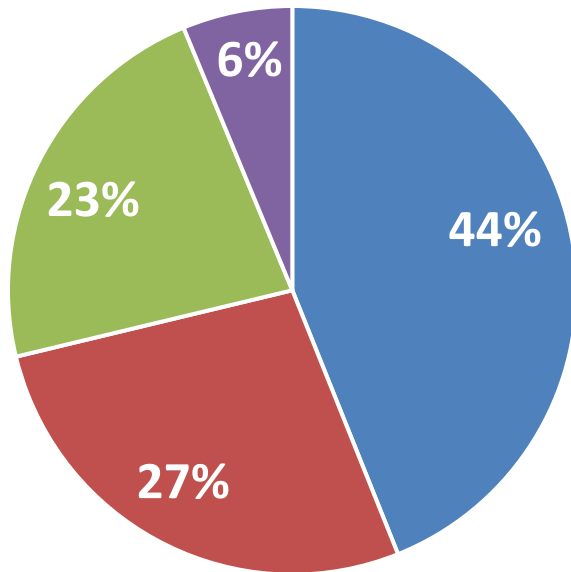
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WDFW Season Setting Principles

- Avoid effort shift: continue to align fishing days as much as possible, particularly Columbia River/ South Coast and North Coast/Sekiu to maximize season length and fishing opportunity
- Provide advance notice of season dates to allow anglers to plan rather than add dates inseason
- Provide more fishing opportunity in areas where catch was below the subarea allocation
- Recognize traditional days if possible (e.g., North Coast: Thu/Sat, South Coast: Sun/Tue, MA 5: Memorial Day derby)

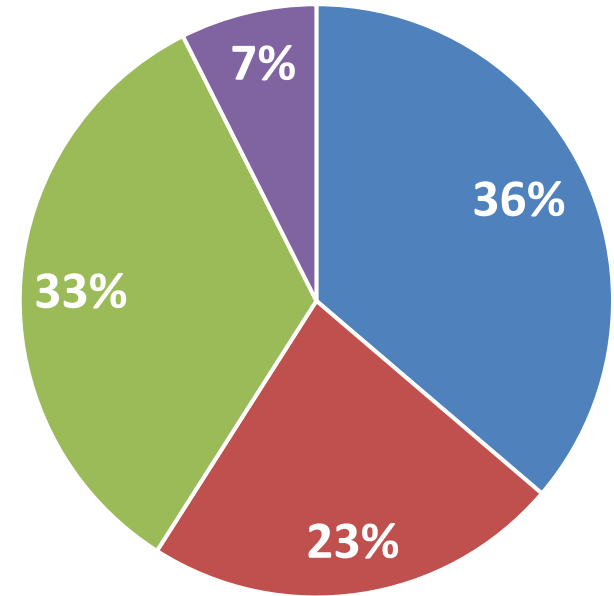
Plan 2023 Review Inseason Management Approach

Catch Sharing Plan - Quota Allocation



Catch Sharing - Inseason Flexibility Illustration
Based on projected estimated late season daily catch rates and catch; Assumes quota attainment

- North Coast
- Puget Sound
- South Coast
- Columbia River and Nearshore



Status Quo

Marine Area 1 and Marine Area 2

May 5 through May 22, two days per week, Thursday, and Sunday
Memorial Day weekend, open Thursday, May 26

Marine Area 1:

June 2 through June 26, open two days per week, Thursday and Sunday
If quota remains after June 26; open Friday, August 19, Friday, September 23

Marine Area 2:

If sufficient quota remains, open June 16, 19, 23, 26
If quota remains after June 26; open Friday, August 19, Friday, September 23

Marine 3 and 4:

May 5 through May 21, two days per week, Thursday, and Saturday
Memorial Day weekend, open Friday and Sunday, May 27, and 29

June 2 through June 25, two days per week, Thursday and Saturday, and Thursday, June 30

If quota remains after June 30; open Thursday, August 18 through September 30, five days per week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Marine Area 5:

May 5 through May 21, two days per week, Thursday, and Saturday

Memorial Day weekend, open Friday, through Sunday, May 27, 28, and 29

June 2 through June 25, three days per week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Thursday, June 30

If quota remains after June 30, open Thursday, August 18 through September 30, five days per week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

If quota remains after June 30, open Thursday, August 18 through September 30, five days per week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Marine Areas 6 - 10:

April 7 through May 21, three days per week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Memorial Day weekend, open Friday, through Sunday, May 27, 28, and 29

June 2 through June 25, three days per week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Thursday, June 30

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Ideas to Consider

- Open Northern Nearshore Area (Area 2) when Area 2 closed and when Area 3 and 4 are open late season
- 7-day a week halibut sport fishery in Puget Sound beginning in mid-April
- Suggestions?

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Wrap Up

- Confirm ideas to carry forward for further review and/or analysis
- Questions
- Next Steps
 - September PFMC Meeting
 - WDFW October 4 Public Meeting



Thank you for attending!

Information

IPHC

- Landing updates
<https://iphc.int/data/landings-2022>

WDFW

- Halibut and Bottomfish Regulations/Landing updates
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/halibut>
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