STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons)

Amend Sections 28.20 and 28.95,
Title 14, California Code of Regulations
Re: Pacific halibut

I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: December 24, 2014

II. Date of Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons: March 16, 2015

III. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

(a)	Notice Hearing:	Date:	December 3, 2014
		Location:	Van Nuys
(b)	Discussion Hearing:	Date:	February 11, 2015
		Location:	Sacramento
(c)	Adoption Hearing:	Date:	April 8, 2015
		Location:	Santa Rosa

IV. Description of Modification of Originally Proposed Language of Initial Statement of Reasons:

No changes have been made in the originally proposed regulatory language.

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VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Opposition and in Support:

The Department has received 28 comments from the public on the proposed modifications to Sections 28.20 and 28.95, Title 14, CCR. Comments on preferred season structures ranged from maintaining the status quo season length to limiting fishing to no more than three or four days per week. No clear consensus of a preferred season structure could be determined from the public comments received. Several comments on topics that are outside the scope of this rulemaking were also received.