

# Proposed Amendments to §28.20 and §28.95, Title 14, CCR Pacific Halibut



Photo: Melanie Parker



Fish and Game Commission Meeting  
Adoption Hearing  
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# Objectives

- Align state regulations with federal regulations
  - Specify quota amount, season dates and inseason closure process consistent with federal regulations
  - Establish gear restrictions - one line with no more than two hooks
- Allow use of harpoons to assist in landing legally caught Pacific halibut



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# Pacific Fishery Management Council Recent Decisions

- California Subarea allocation increases from 1% to 4% of non-tribal allocation
- CDFW will begin weekly tracking/monitoring in-season to ensure catch stays within the CA quota
  - 25,220 pounds
  - NOAA Fisheries will close when quota is reached



# CDFW Scoping Process

- February 4, 2015 – Public meeting in Eureka, CA
- Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers
  - Conducted survey to determine preferred season dates
  - Two preferred alternatives
- Email correspondence
- CDFW analyzed preferred options and recommended final to NOAA Fisheries



# 2015 Season Dates

Yellow shaded dates denotes open (until the quota has been reached); Gray shaded dates denotes closed

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
<b>MAY</b>						1	2	<b>JUNE</b>						<b>JULY</b>							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
31								28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>AUGUST</b>						1	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						<b>OCTOBER</b>								
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
30	31							27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# Inseason Closure Notification Process

CDFW and NOAA Fisheries will coordinate weekly inseason to determine when the quota is projected to be taken and the appropriate fishery closure date

Where to find closure information:

- CDFW press release
- CDFW Pacific halibut webpage:  
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/pacifichalibut.asp>
- CDFW Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations  
Hotline - (831) 649-2801
- NMFS Halibut Hotline - (800) 662-9825

# CDFW Recommended Action

- Season dates:
  - May 1-15, June 1-15, July 1-15, August 1-15, and September 1-October 31, or until the quota has been reached, whichever comes first
- Quota – 25,220 pounds
- Inseason closure process
- Methods of Take
  - No more than one line with two hooks
  - Use of harpoons to assist landing

# Thank You and Questions

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