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Re: proposal 225

March 13, 2022

Dear Members of the Board,

This information is from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s analysis of the Halibut Catch Sharing plan (CSP). The CSP established percentage-based allocations between the commercial and charter halibut sectors in Area 2C and 3A. This dashboard of metrics summarizes success of the Area 2C halibut charter fleet over the past 6 years. Although the BOF does not manage halibut, these metrics provide insight on Area 2C charter operations, since lodges and operators currently advocating for reallocation generally target halibut as well as sablefish, salmon, and other groundfish.

Please note that apart from the 2020 pandemic year, the Area 2C halibut charter fishery angler days have increased, participation has increased, and value-- or estimated gross revenue per vessel-- have all increased. There is little to no sign of hardship or economic need for increased allocation.

