

IPHC Regulations Proposal Submission Form

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Proposal Title: Size Limit Clarification

Year Proposed For: 2017

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1. What is the definition and objective of the proposal?

Commercially harvested halibut delivered "Head On" will only be measured using the 32 inch standard as described in Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations 13(1)(a).

Commercially harvested halibut delivered "Head Off" will only be measured using the 24 inch standard as described in Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations 13(1)(b).

2. Impacts: Describe who you think this proposed change might affect (include fishers, processors, agencies, and the public).

2a. Who might benefit from the proposed change?

Every group would benefit from this clarification.

2b. Who might suffer hardships or be worse off?

None that I can think of.

3. Are there other solutions to the problem described above? If so, why were they rejected?

Currently NMFS is pursuing cases of "head on" delivered halibut that were commercially processed and then the 24 inch 13(1)(b) standard was applied. In at least one instance "legal 32 inch head on fish" were confiscated when it did not meet the 24 inch pectoral measurement.

IF A FISH WAS OF LEGAL SIZE WHEN DELIVERED IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO BECOME AN ILLEGAL UNDERSIZED FISH AFTER BEING HEADED.

In the interest of keeping this simple and straight forward other solutions were rejected.

Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by **October 31, 2016** will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. **Remember to include contact information and signature.**