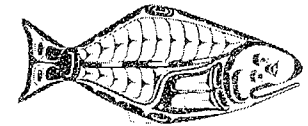


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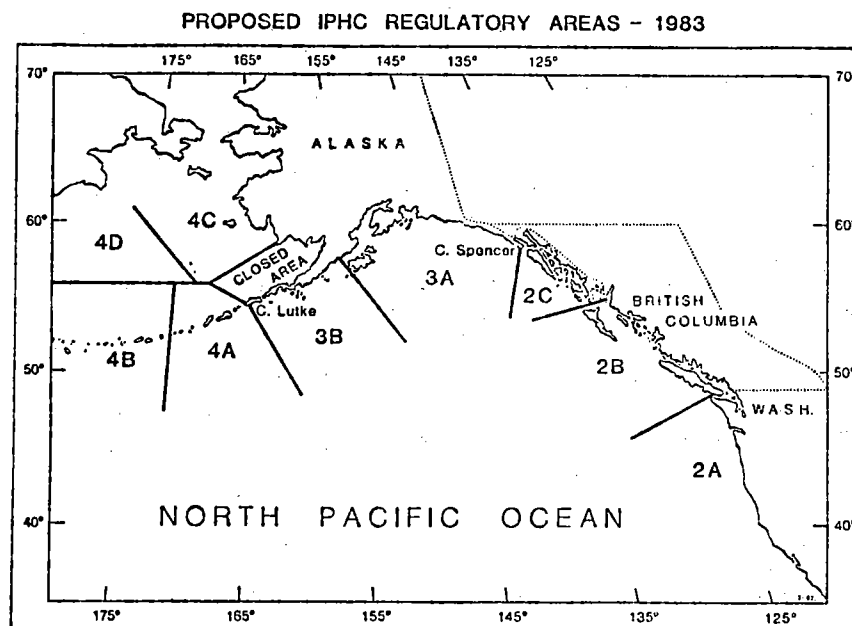
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COMMERCIAL HALIBUT REGULATIONS FOR 1983

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is recommending to the governments of Canada and the United States the following regulations for the halibut fishery in 1983. These regulations must be approved by both governments before they become effective.

This bulletin is intended for information purposes only and is not a substitute for the detailed regulation pamphlet which will be printed and distributed as soon as the regulations have been approved by both governments.

REGULATORY AREAS: The Commission recommended the same regulatory area boundaries as in the 1982 regulations except that Area 4 would be divided into four subareas as shown in the figure below:



CATCH LIMITS: The Commission recommended the following catch limits (in millions of pounds) for each regulatory area:

Reg. Area	Catch Limit	Reg. Area	Catch Limit	Reg. Area	Catch Limit
2A	0.2	3A	14.0	4A	1.2
2B	5.4	3B	5.0	4B	0.8
2C	3.4			4C	0.4
				4D	0.2

FISHING SEASONS: The Commission recommended commercial fishing seasons consisting of a succession of open and closed periods as shown in the table below, or until the respective catch limits are taken. All fishing periods will open and close at 12 o'clock noon Pacific Standard Time.

PROPOSED FISHING PERIODS - 1983

Regulatory Area	Fishing Period	Opening Date	Closing Date	Regulatory Area	Fishing Period	Opening Date	Closing Date
2A	1	June 15	June 28	4B ***	1	June 16	June 23
	2	July 14	July 27		2	July 15	July 22
	3	Aug 13	Aug 26		3	Sept 13	Sept 29
	4	Sept 11	Sept 24		4	Oct 9	Oct 25
2B	1	May 3	May 15	4C	1	June 16	June 20
	2	June 14	June 26		2	June 21	June 25
	3	July 12	July 24		3	June 26	June 30
	4	Aug 16	Aug 28		4	July 1	July 5
	5	Sept 13	Sept 25		5	July 6	July 10
2C	1	June 17	June 22		6	July 11	July 15
	2	July 16	July 21		7	July 16	July 20
3A	1	June 16	June 23		8	July 21	July 25
	2	July 15	July 22		9	July 26	July 30
	3	Aug 14	Aug 19		10	July 31	Aug 4
3B *	1	June 16	June 23		11	Aug 5	Aug 9
	2	July 15	July 22		12	Aug 10	Aug 14
	3	Aug 27	Sept 1		13	Aug 15	Aug 19
	4	Sept 13	Sept 18		14	Aug 20	Aug 24
4A **	1	June 16	June 23		15	Aug 25	Aug 29
	2	July 15	July 22		16	Aug 30	Sept 3
	3	Sept 13	Sept 27		17	Sept 4	Sept 8
	4	Oct 9	Oct 25		18	Sept 9	Sept 13
					19	Sept 14	Sept 15
				4D ***	1	June 16	June 23
				2	July 15	July 22	
				3	Sept 13	Sept 29	
				4	Oct 9	Oct 25	

*The above notwithstanding, Area 3B will close with the final closure in Area 3A, and will then reopen on August 27 for the remaining scheduled periods.

**The above notwithstanding, Area 4A will close with the final closure in Area 3A and will reopen 10 days later or on July 15, whichever is later, for a 12-day fishing period. Area 4A will then reopen on September 13-27 and October 9-25.

***The above notwithstanding, Areas 4B and 4D will close with the final closure in Area 3A, and will then reopen 10 days later or on July 15, whichever is later, for a 14-day fishing period. Additional fishing periods in Areas 4B and 4D are September 13-29 and October 9-25.

CLEARANCES: The Commission recommended a system of vessel clearances to be obtained at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, by the vessels that fish in Area 4. The requirement will not apply to fishermen who are resident in Area 4 and who land all their catches in Area 4, except that vessels that fish in Area 4C must obtain a vessel clearance at Dutch Harbor prior to each fishing period. The requirement will not apply to fishermen who are resident in Area 4C and who land all their catches in Area 4C.

LOG RECORDS: The captain or operator of a halibut vessel licensed under IPHC regulations shall keep an accurate log of all fishing operations. This log shall be updated daily, and shall be retained for a period of two years.

GEAR IDENTIFICATION: All longline gear buoys shall be clearly marked with unique vessel identification, such as the vessel name, vessel license, or registration number.

OTHER REGULATIONS: Other regulations, such as size limits, gear restrictions, and licensing requirements will be the same as in 1982.