REGULATORY PROPOSAL 2020
Alaska Recreational Fisheries

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IPHC Regulatory Areas that may be affected: 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E
Fishery Sector: Recreational

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

2020 marks 50 years as an Idaho Lic Outfitter and Guide and 34 years as an Alaska fish and charter operator—I have watched over all the years the changes affecting many different species and am saddened by how things have went down and down and more and more rules - the following are a number of things that are at hand as this is written—We as Americans are guaranteed the right to enter into a legal business— in no way am I against people doing business—

1-Rental boat businesses have that right and now I hear new rules are being drafted to address the rental guest from taking 2 Halibut per day any size every day

2- 2-C has 1 halibut reverse slot limit- a charter boat is anchored and has to release halibut over 38 inches and so the charter catches a 60 inch and by law has to release it== anchored beside the charter is a rental and they catch an over size and kill it, the charter guest now asked why- not against the law simply unfair-

3- zone 3-A has 2 Halibut per day one has to be under 28 inches? this is baby and I understand new rules for that practice may be in the works-

4- Now a going problem is the FRIEND thing where a scab charter person books and takes out friends and is simply paid under the table -again they take 2 Halibut per day any size- some actually own places and some simply rent and if flags come up they simply move on- these phony operators need no lic- or any other regulatory things that the legal operator has to have-has to have-

5- NOAA I understand is now faced with how do we deal with the above with new rules and I might add that the mortality from trying to measure Halibut goes way up, I ask NOAA have any of you actually had to measure a Halibut, try it as the only way is to board the fish and on the floor hold it down and if to long throw over board. I have
personally watched while at anchor Boats with up to 3 Halibut hanging by a rope waiting to catch a bigger one-

My strong suggestion for dealing with most of the above is very simple and every charter person I have visited think it is the best way, less mortality and far less time spent on new rules that really only add to the Halibut problems- Do all a favor with across the board fair bag limit on Halibut and they win big time- What is the answer to addressing the above.

**SUGGESTED REGULATORY LANGUAGE**

My suggested regulatory Rule is very simple and puts all users on the same play field. One Halibut per day any size. A state wide rule in Alaska for Non-Resident fishers. Now as Charter Guides we can start with educating not only the Charter Guides but the Guests. Having a picture of a big Halibut on the wall or I pad is simply an ego trip. With this rule ten NOAA can spend more time on other Halibut issues.

Thank You Larry Jarrett