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North Council Votes to Revisit the Allocation of Halibut between Commercial and Charter Sectors



Thanks to all of you who submitted public testimony, we have some good news to report from the NPFMC this week.

Despite a push by Sitka longliners to stifle a Catch Sharing Plan allocation review before it can go further, [the Council voted to examine a range of alternatives to stabilize the guided angler sector by increasing the allocation of halibut by a small percentage.](#) Under status quo, commercial fishery receives more than 80% of the available catch each year.

We believe the Council was swayed by the reasonable request and professionalism of our representatives at the Council, Brian Ritchie

on the AP and Andy Mezirow on the Council. Our comments tipped the scale.

There's still a long way to go. The Council indicated clearly that moving this issue forward is no guarantee their final decision will offer relief through a shift of allocation to the recreational charter sector.

The next step in the process arrives at the Council's next meeting in April. The ACA will alert our network of subscribers to your next opportunity to weigh in.

Thank you for your support

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