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Action Memo

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John Henderschedt, Acting Chairman
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SUBJECT:

Charter Halibut Common Pool - CATCH Proposal/Discussion Paper

ESTIMATED TIME:

2 Hours

ACTION REQUIRED:

Review Discussion Paper, action as necessary

BACKGROUND

This discussion paper addresses a proposal from representatives of the guided sport (charter) halibut sector to amend Federal fishery regulations that govern the Pacific halibut commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) fishery to allow a Recreational Quota Entity (RQE) as a holding entity of commercial halibut quota share (QS) on behalf of charter anglers in Area 2C and Area 3A. This would allow for a permanent increase in the charter sector allocation established under the Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (CSP).

Should the Council decide to proceed with development of a regulatory amendment, the Council may wish to identify draft purpose and need (problem statement) for the proposed action, goals and objectives for taking action, and a timeline for analysis, review, public comment, and implementation.