



# Proposed Amendments to §28.20, Title 14, CCR Pacific Halibut



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# Presentation Overview

- Need for regulation change
- Proposed regulation changes
- Provide summary of Pacific halibut management process and 2014 changes

# Assembly Bill 497

Part of Assembly Bill 497 (Chesbro),  
Chaptered September 6, 2013, provided  
for a new Fish and Game Code section:

“205.1. (a) The commission may establish by regulation an automatic process to conform its sport fishing regulations to federal regulations.

(b) The department shall provide public notice of any conforming action implemented pursuant to this section.”

# Proposed Amendments to §28.20, Title 14, CCR

- Repeal subsections 28.20(a)-(c), which specify season length, minimum size, and daily bag and possession limits.
- Add language to establish an automatic process to conform state regulations for Pacific halibut to relevant federal regulations and how the public will be informed.

# Benefits of Auto-Conformance

- Reduce state workload
- Eliminate redundant work
- Increase efficiency in state process
- Provide simpler rules and more clarity for constituents.
- Less opportunities for regulation mismatch in the event of delayed implementation

# What Would We Conform To?

## Update on Management and Recent Council Actions

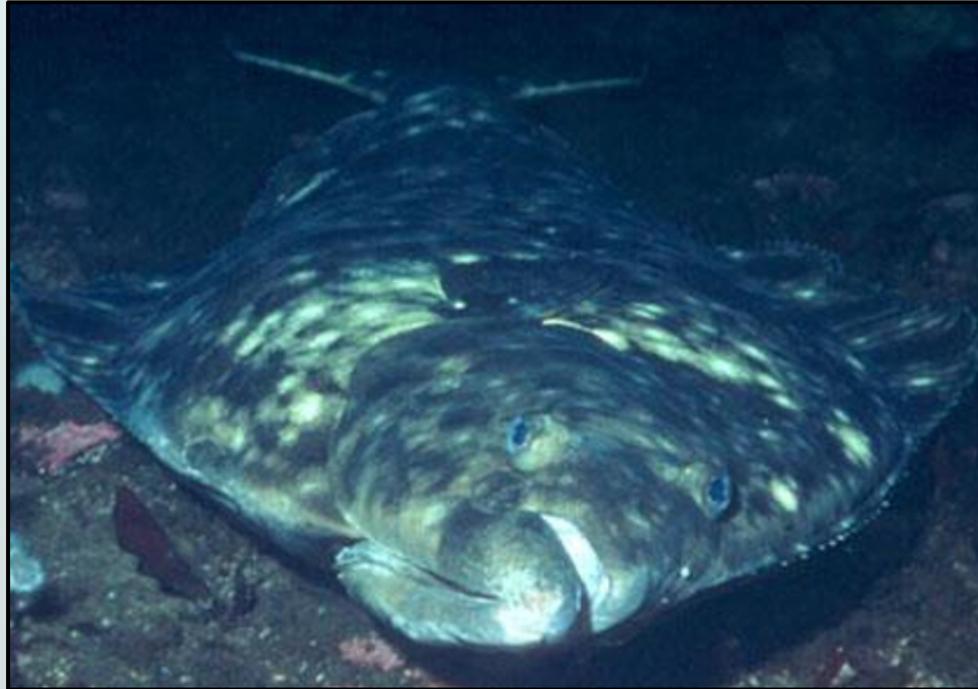


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# Management

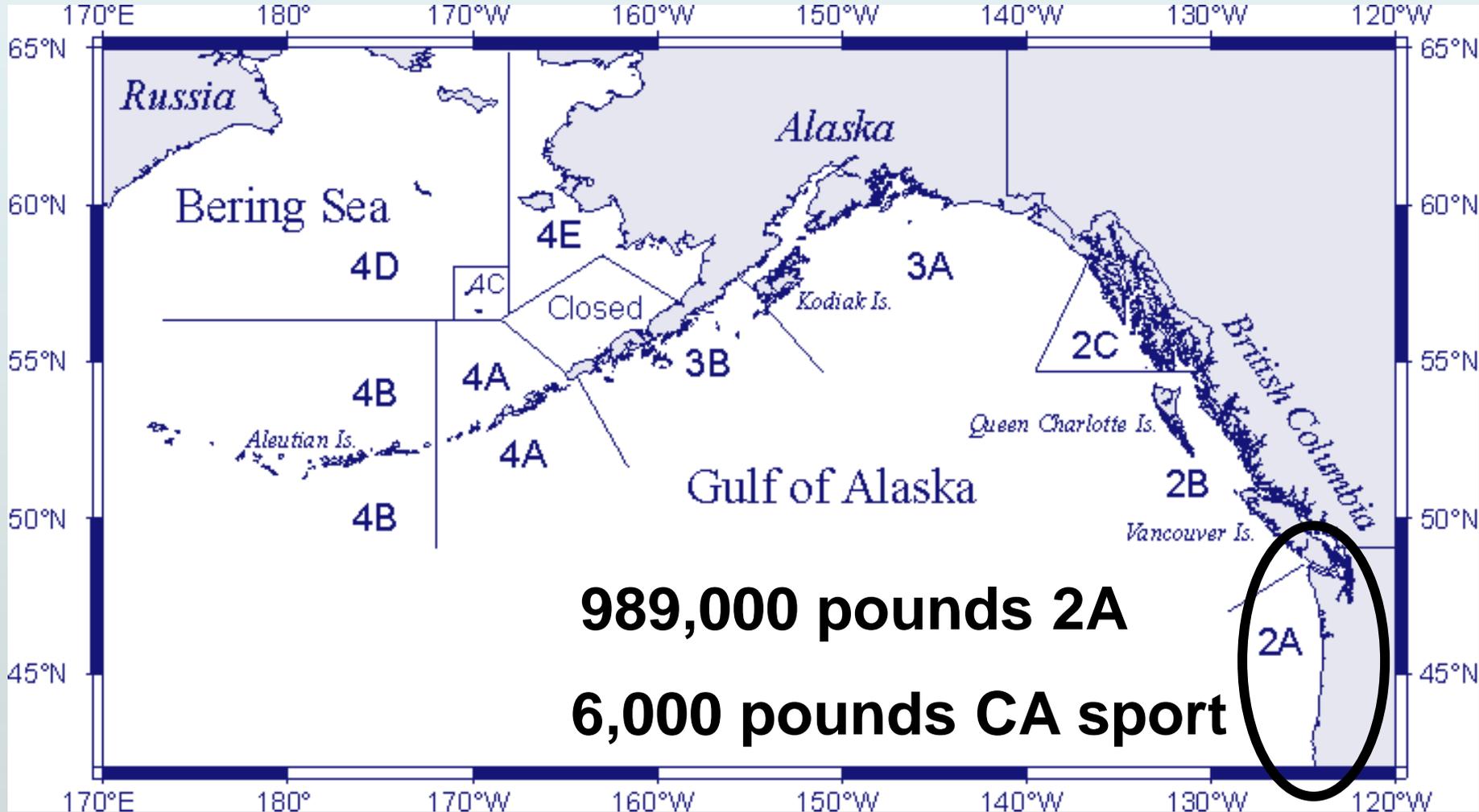
- Pacific halibut managed internationally by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)
  - Conduct annual stock assessments
  - Annual harvest limits set by management area



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# Management

## 31 million pounds for 2013



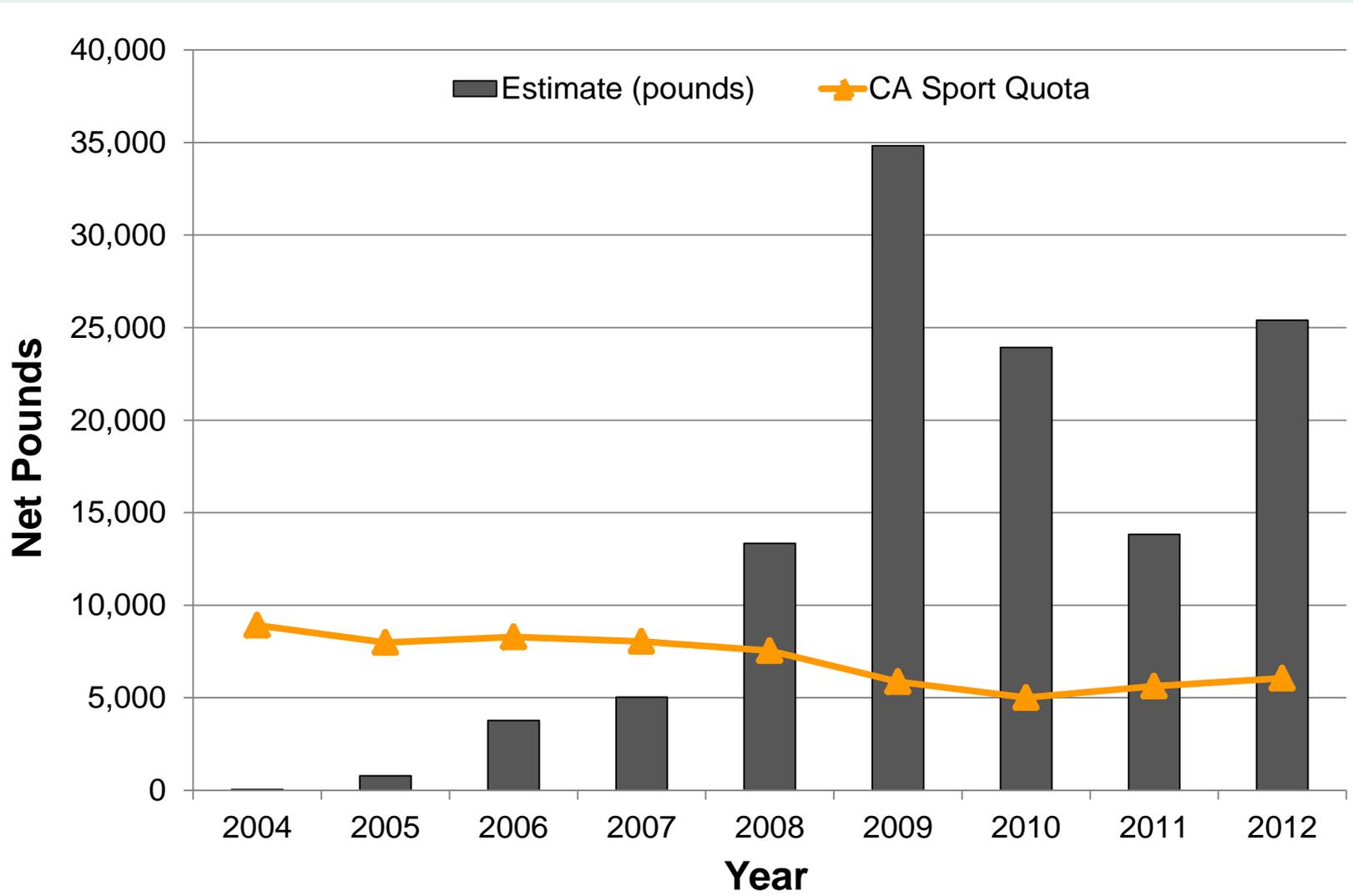
# Pacific Fishery Management Council

- Lead organization for Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan (CSP)
  - Framework for how 2A Total Allowable Catch will be divided among fisheries and sectors
  - Sets sport regulations
- Considers proposed changes to CSP on annual basis

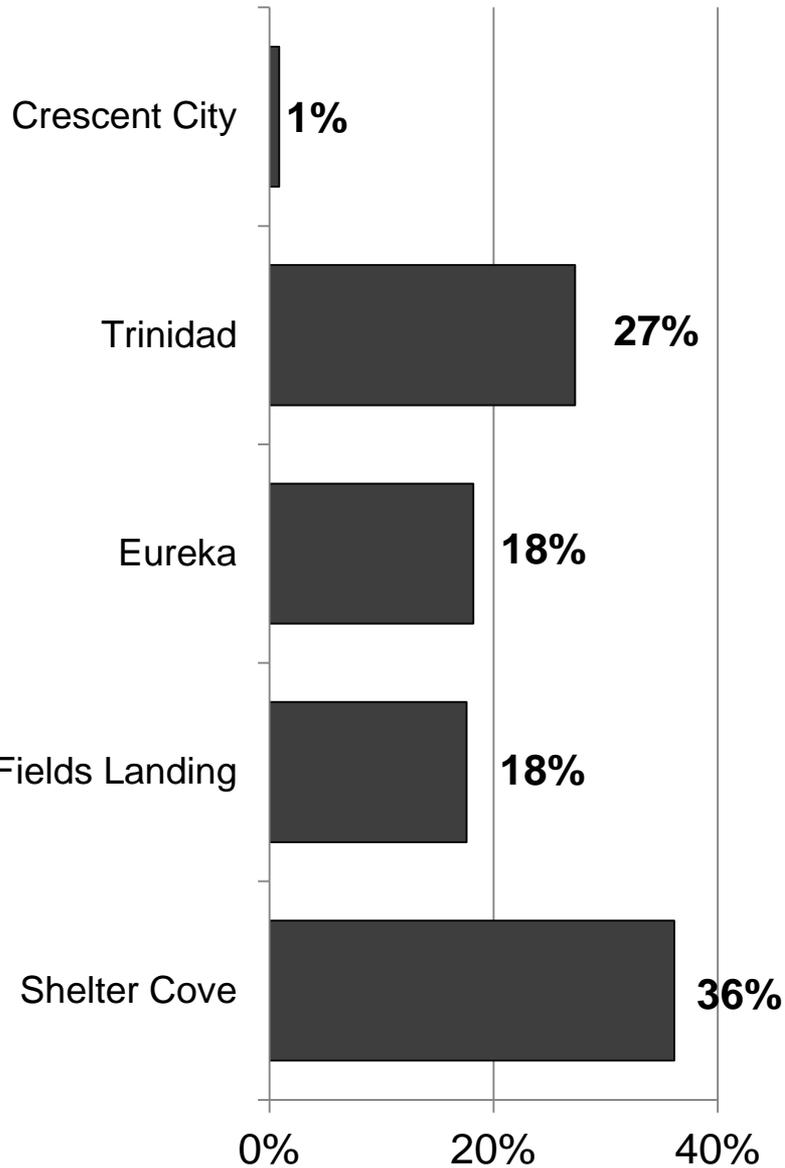


# Recreational Catch Estimates

Since 2008, CA has exceeded quota every year



# Estimated Catch by Port 2008 - 2011



0 3.75 7.5 15 22.5 30 Miles

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# Department Involvement in 2014 CSP Changes

- Two year process to get where we are now
- Working with Council, NMFS, other west coast states, and constituents
- Department actively participates in Council Workgroup and Policy Committees
- Department engaged the north coast community
  - Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers very involved
  - Public meeting July 18, 2013

# Pacific Fishery Management Council Action

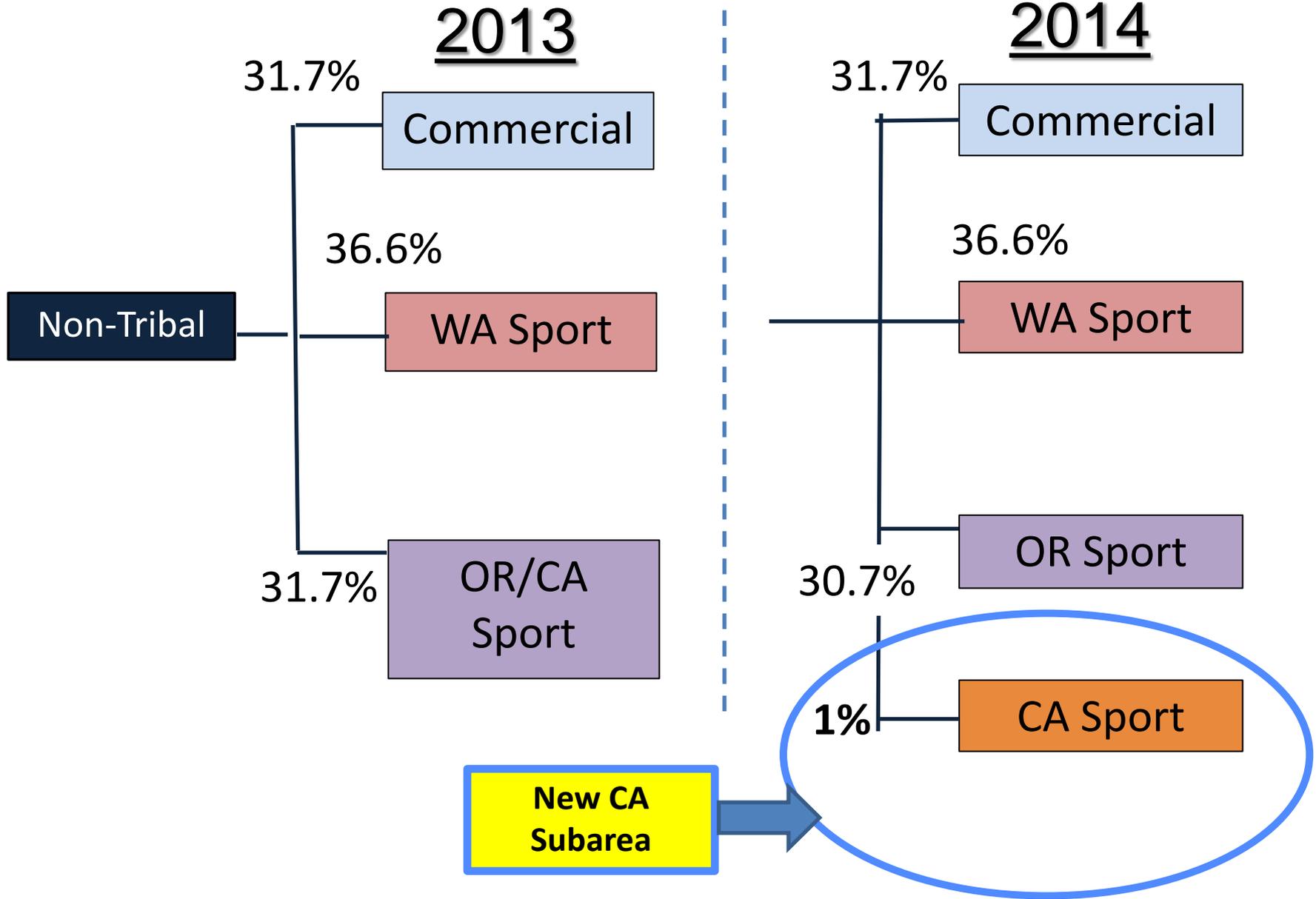


- 2014 Council approved changes:
  - Create California only sport subarea and quota
  - Reduce season by one month
    - Open May 1 - July 31 and Sept 1 - Oct 31



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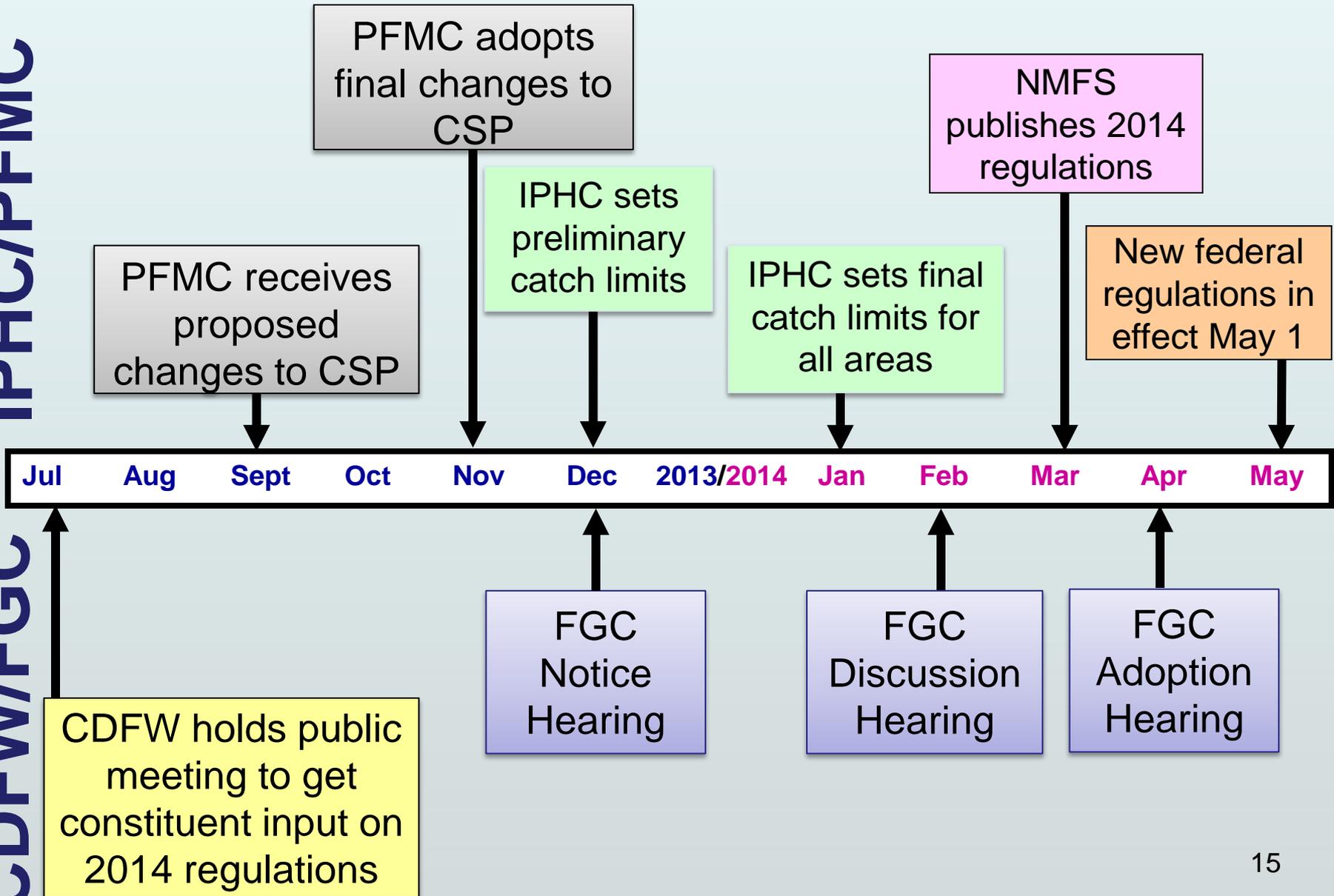
# 2A Halibut Allocations



# Timeline for 2014 Regs

IPHC/PFMC

CDFW/FGC



# Summary

- New FGC §205.1
- Modify §28.20 of Title 14, CCR
  - Remove current language
  - Add language setting up process for automatic conformance with federal sport fish regulations
- Annual federal management process for Pacific halibut
- Changes to sport regulations for 2014

# Thank You & Questions?



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