



## C7: ANALYSIS OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE AREA 2C AND 3A CHARTER HALIBUT FISHERIES FOR 2026

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# PRELIMINARY CHARTER ESTIMATES FOR 2025

IPHC Area	Mean Wt lb	Harvest		Release Mortality lb	Removals lb	Allocation lb	Overage lb	Overage pct
		Num Fish	Yield lb					
Area_2C	9.20	76,683	705,484	28,336	733,820	720,000	13,820	1.9%
Area_3A	9.83	140,570	1,381,803	15,294	1,397,097	1,480,000	-82,903	-5.6%

## 2025 Regulations

2C –

- One fish bag limit
- Reverse slot size limit of less than or equal to 37 inches or greater than or equal to 80 inches
- Tuesdays closed May 13 - September 9 to retention of halibut
- One trip per vessel per day and per charter halibut permit per day

3A –

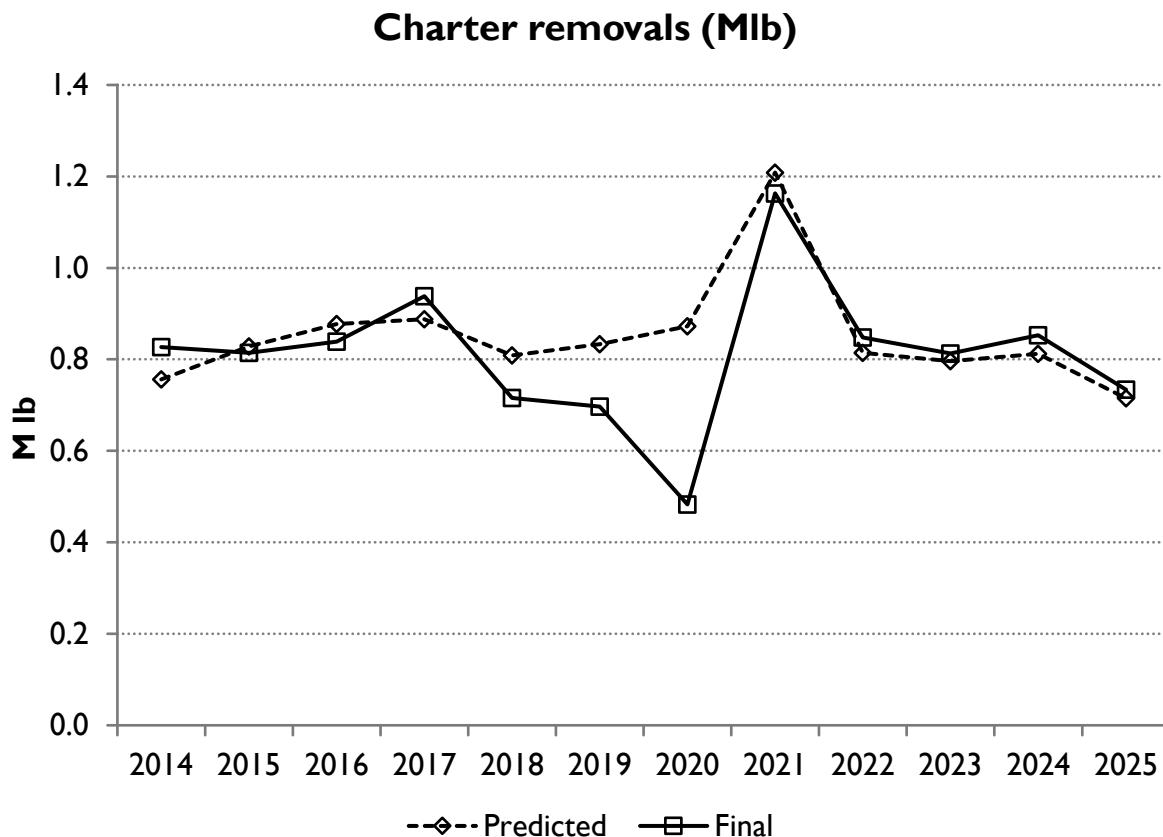
- Two fish bag limit: one fish of any size, one fish less than or equal to 27 inches
- One trip per vessel per day and per charter halibut permit per day
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays closed to retention of halibut

# FORECAST VS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE

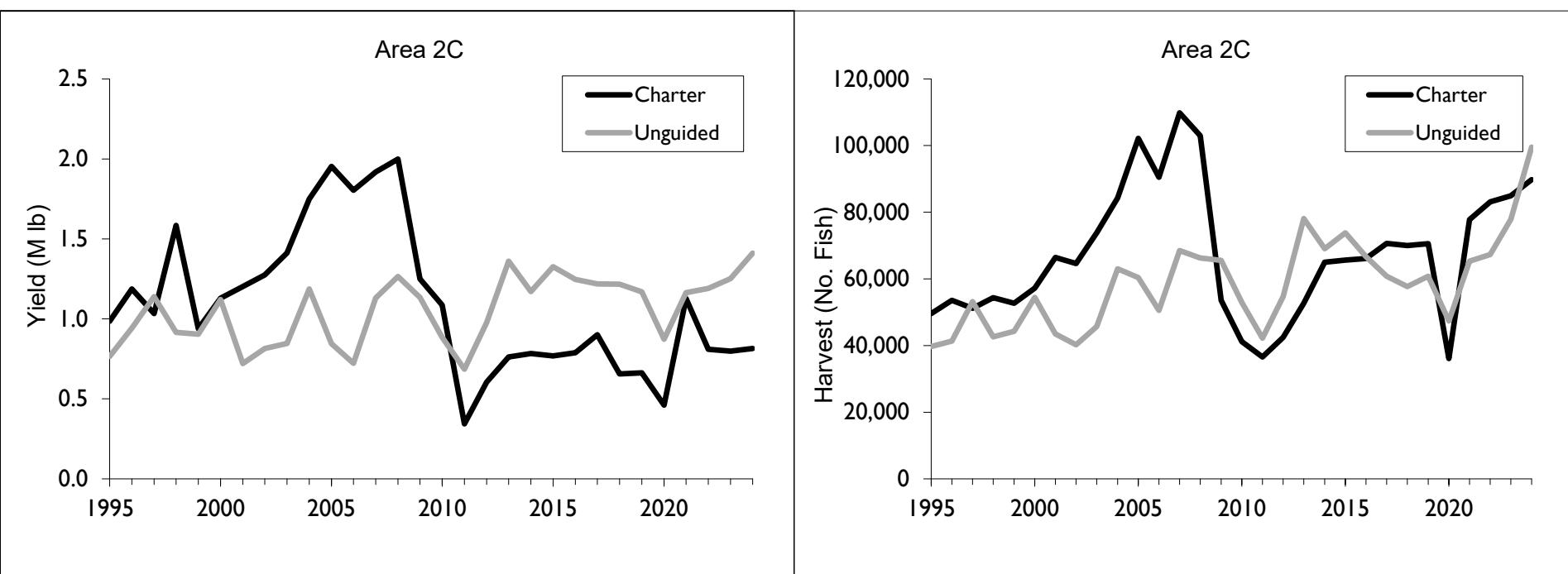
IPHIC Area	Component	Predicted	Prelim	% Diff
		Dec 2024	Oct 2025	Pred vs Prelim
Area_2C	Harvest_Num_Fish	78,195	76,683	-1.9%
	Mean_Wt_lb	8.78	9.20	4.8%
	Yield_Mlb	0.686	0.705	2.8%
	Release_Mortality_Mlb	0.029	0.028	-3.4%
	Total_Removals_Mlb	0.715	0.734	2.7%
Area_3A	Harvest_Num_Fish	138,670	140,570	1.4%
	Mean_Wt_lb	10.39	9.83	-5.4%
	Yield_Mlb	1.441	1.382	-4.1%
	Release_Mortality_Mlb	0.012	0.015	25.0%
	Total_Removals_Mlb	1.453	1.397	-3.9%



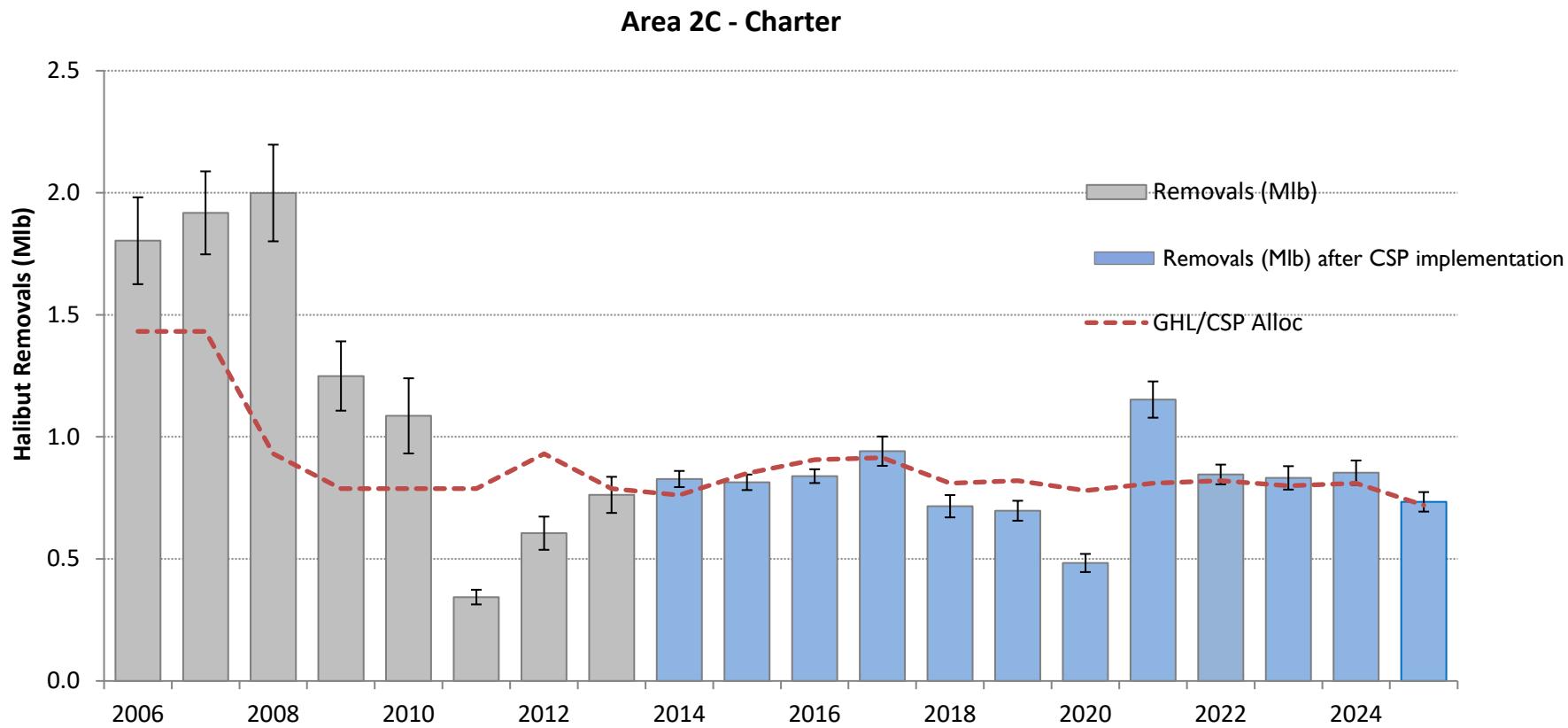
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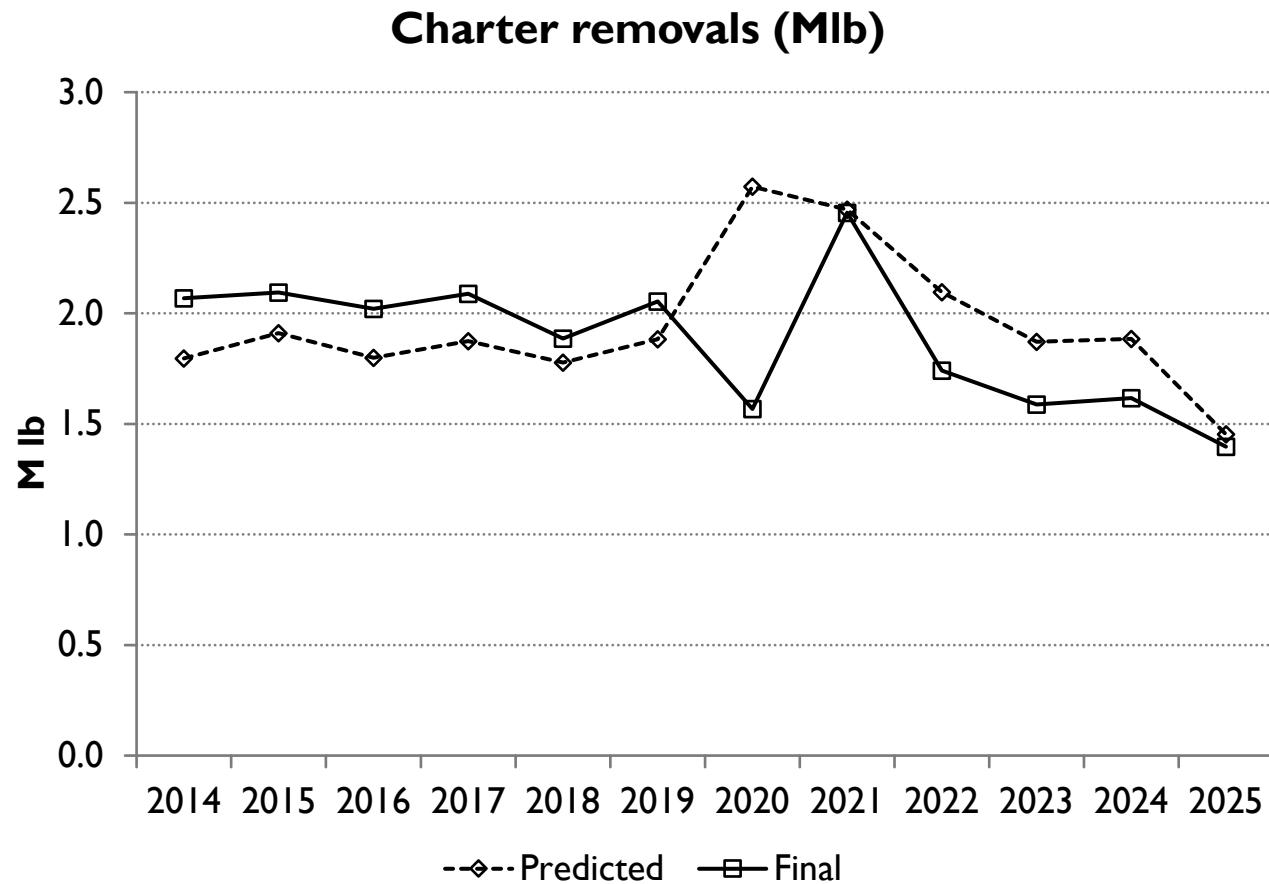
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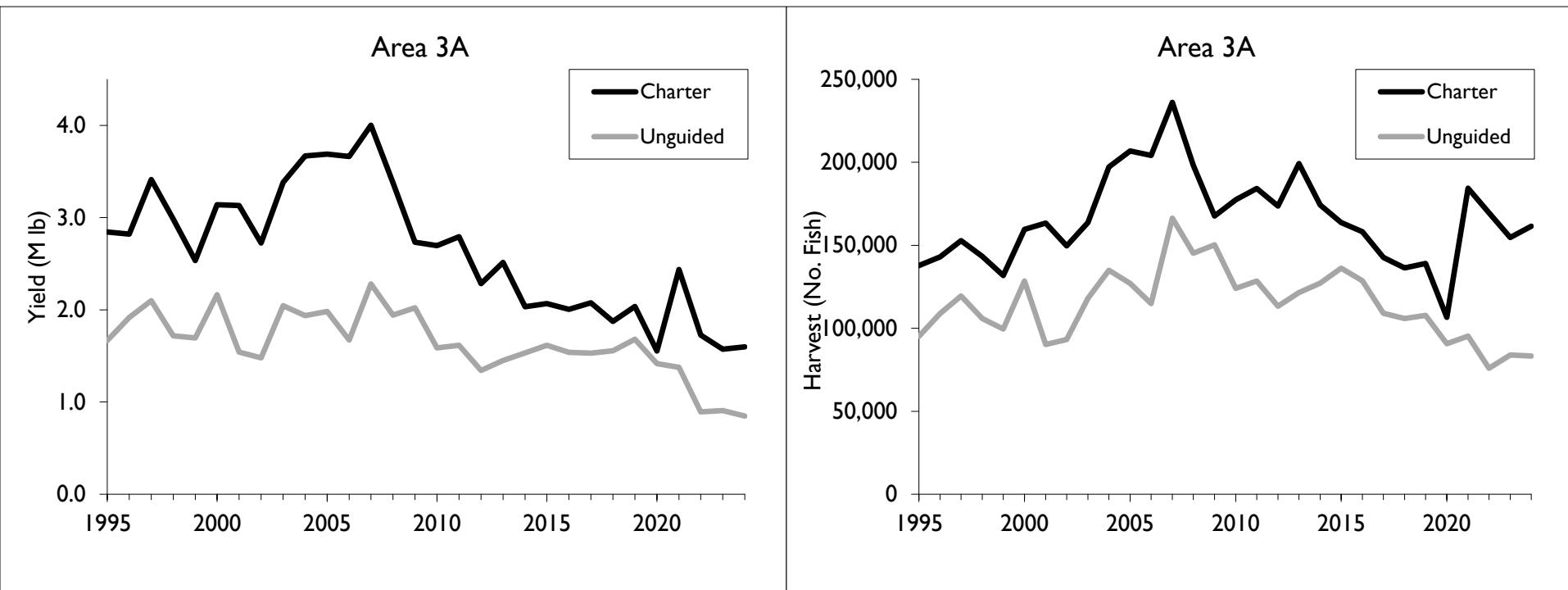
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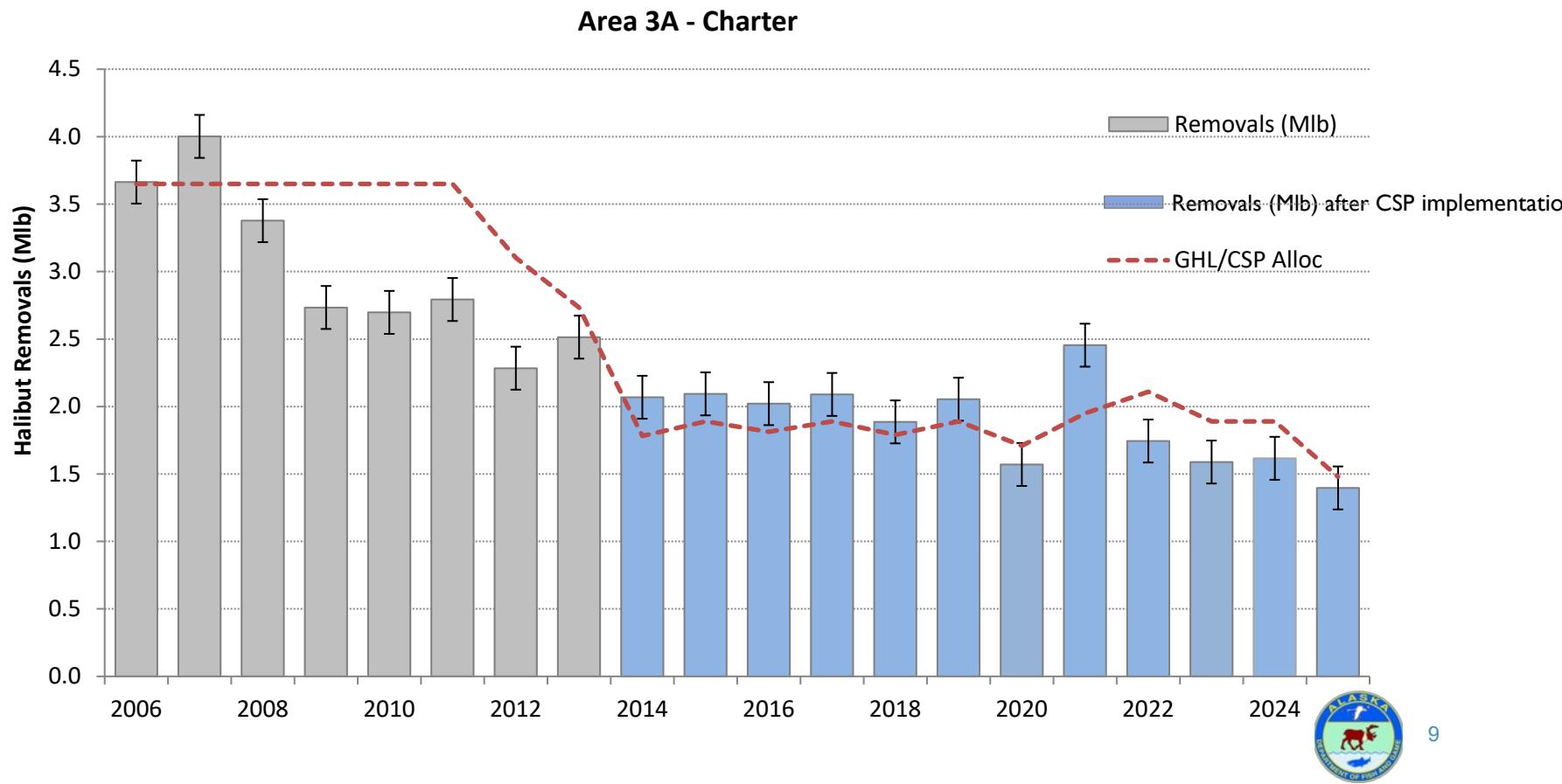
# FORECAST VS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE AREA 3A



# AREA 3A HALIBUT YIELD AND HARVEST CHARTER AND UNGUIDED 1995 – 2024



# 3A CHARTER HALIBUT REMOVALS





# ANALYSIS OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2026



# CHARTER ALLOCATION FOR 2026

- The IPHC's Regulatory Area TCEYs and allocations for 2026 are currently unknown
- 2025 allocations were used as a reference for this analysis

	<b>2025 Allocation</b>
<b>2C</b>	0.720 Mlb
<b>3A</b>	1.480 Mlb



## 2C – STATUS QUO FORECAST

- Table 2C.3
- 79,691 halibut
  - 95% confidence interval + - 2,325
- Used preliminary 2025 effort as 2026 forecast
- HPUE used data from 2009 – 2019 and 2022-2025



# 2C – STATUS QUO FORECAST

Table 2C.3 (continued)

Status Quo Regulations:

- One fish bag limit
- Reverse slot limit of less than or equal to 37 or greater than or equal to 80 inches;
- Tuesdays closed May 13 to September 9;
- 1 trip per permit and per vessel per day
- Projected average weight: 8.75 lbs
- Release mortality: 28,580 lbs

**Status Quo  
Regulations  
Removals  
Projection**

**0.726 Mlb**



## 2C – MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2026

- **Reverse Slot** ranging from 32 – 50 inches on the low end and 50 – 80 inches on the upper end
  - Same Reverse Slot and a limit **one trip per vessel and permit per day**.
- **Day Closures:** Reverse Slot lower slot limits ranging from 32 inches to 50 inches, and an upper slot limit of 80 inches with Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday **day closures** and savings in removals displayed for each day of closure
  - Analyzed for each day from May 15 – September 15 or for the entire season
  - Same Reverse Slot and day closures with a limit of **one trip per vessel and one trip per permit per day**.
- **Annual Limit:** Reverse Slot ranging from 32 – 50 inches on the low end and 50 – 80 inches on the upper end with an **annual limit** of 3 fish and an annual limit of 2 fish.



## 2C – SUMMARY

### Management Measures

### Options Below 2025 Allocation (0.720 Mlb)?

**Status Quo: reverse slot with lower limit of 37 inches and upper limit of 80 inches, Tuesdays closed May 13 to September 9 and a limit of one trip per vessel and CHP per day – 0.726 Mlb**

No

**Reverse slot limit with U32-U50 on the low end and O50-O80 on the high end. Additional savings for a one-trip limit**

Yes

**Reverse slot limit with U32-U50 on the low end and O80 on the high end, analyzed with a day of the week closures presented in savings per day. Additional savings for a one-trip limit**

Yes

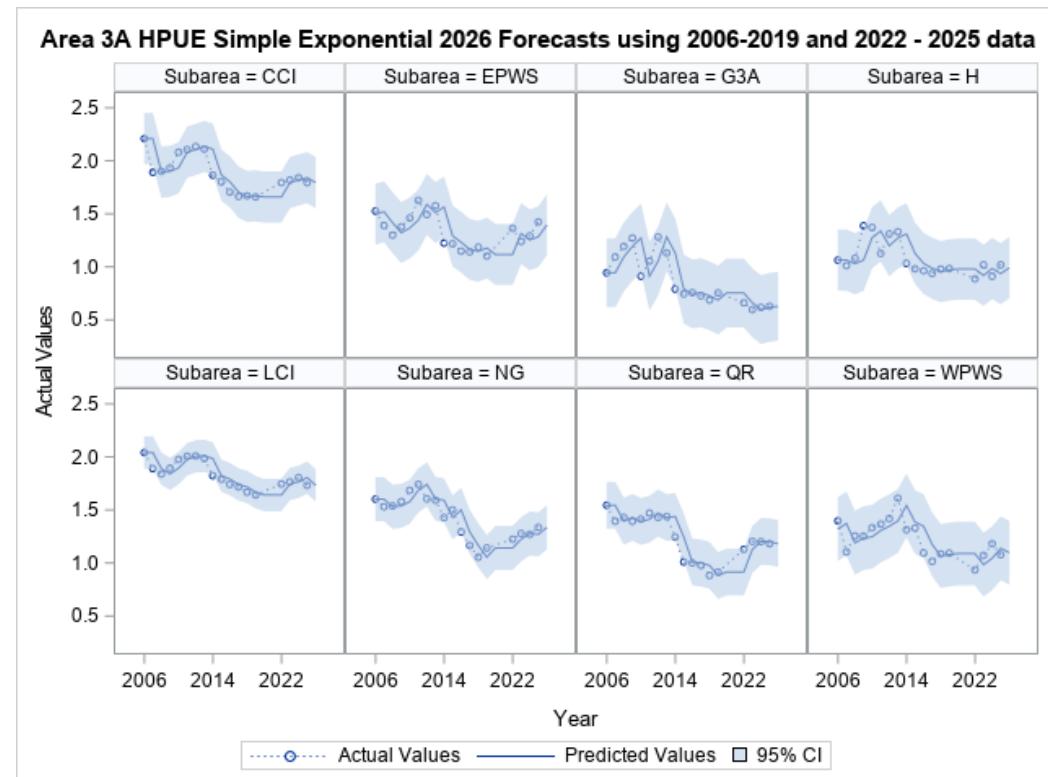
**Reverse slot limit with U32-U50 on the low end and O50-O80 on the high end with an annual limit of 3 fish and an annual limit of 2 fish**

Yes



# 3A – STATUS QUO FORECAST

- Table 3A.11
- 145,660 halibut
  - 95% confidence interval + - 4,137
  - 2025 effort was used as forecast
  - HPUE forecast used data through 2019 and 2022-2025



# 3A – STATUS QUO FORECAST

Table 3A.11 continued

Status Quo Regulations:

- Two fish bag limit: one any size, one less than or equal to 27 inches
- One trip per vessel per day and per charter halibut permit per day
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays closed to retention of halibut

Observed Mean Weight 2025 = 9.83 lb

Mean Weight in Forecast = 9.74 lb

**Status Quo  
Regulations  
Removals  
Projection**

**1.430 Mlb**



## 3A – MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR 2026

- Maximum size limits of 26 – 32 inches on one fish;
- **Day of the week closures on Tuesdays** from April 1 – October 6 or for the entire season;
- In addition to Tuesday closures, **seasonal open/ close dates** weekly May 1 – June 1 and September 1 – October 1 under a range of maximum size limits on one fish in the bag limit;
- A **daily bag limit of one fish of any size** and day of the week closures on Tuesdays from April 1 – October 6 or for the entire season;
- A daily bag limit of **one fish** of any size and **seasonal open/ close dates** weekly May 1 – June 1 and September 1 – October 1 with Tuesdays closed.



# 3A – SUMMARY

## Management Measures

## Options Below 2025 Allocation (1.480 Mlb)?

**Status quo (two-fish bag limit with a 27-inch maximum size limit on one fish, one trip per vessel and one trip per CHP per day, Tuesday and Wednesday closures all year)**

Yes

**Day of the week closures on Tuesdays from April 1 – October 6 or for the entire season**

Yes

**Day of the week closures on Tuesdays and seasonal open/ close dates weekly May and September under a range of maximum size limits on one fish**

Yes

**A daily bag limit of one fish of any size and day of the week closures on Tuesdays from April 1 – October 6 or for the entire season**

Yes

**A daily bag limit of one fish of any size and seasonal open/ close dates weekly May and September with Tuesdays closed**



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