



Exploring Scaled Management for the California Halibut Fishery Three-Part Public Webinar

Webinar #2: Focused Discussion with the Commercial Sector

Thursday, September 16, 2021 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM PDT

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Webinar #2 Goals

- Provide the opportunity for webinar participants to engage in a focused discussion about the California halibut commercial fishery with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and fellow peers and participants to explore shared priorities and concerns for the long-term sustainability of the species, ecosystem, and fishing community.
- Engage with California's ocean community members interested in learning about and becoming involved in CDFW's scaled management process for California halibut.
- Reach a shared understanding of CDFW's current priorities for assessing and managing California halibut across sectors and statewide as part of implementing the 2018 Marine Life Management Act (MLMA) Master Plan for Fisheries.
- Share next steps to design a science-based, stakeholder-involved management process for California halibut that reflects the needs of the fishery and priorities of the ocean community.

Agenda

Welcome & Intentions

Dr. Craig Shuman, CDFW Marine Region Manager, will provide opening remarks and an overview of the meeting agenda and goals.

Understanding California Halibut Scaled Management

Kirsten Ramey, CDFW Environmental Program Manager, will present an overview of scaled management and considerations specific to California halibut. CDFW will share their current priorities to assess and manage the sustainability of the resource and ecosystem.



Exploring Shared Priorities & Concerns

In small and large group discussions, webinar participants will discuss topical questions and share their perspectives and questions about the management of the commercial California halibut fishery. Following small group discussions with participants of similar backgrounds via breakout rooms, webinar participants will have the opportunity to learn about the discussions of each breakout room to facilitate information exchange and increase transparency.

Small Groups (via Zoom Breakout Rooms)

Groups and facilitation teams are listed in alphabetical order. Participants will engage in Zoom breakout rooms based on their stated affiliations and/or interests.

- Commercial Gill Net Fishery
 - Facilitation team: Miranda Haggerty, Sara Shen, Chuck Valle
- Commercial Hook and Line Fishery
 - Facilitation team: Paul Reilly, Kelly Sayce
- Commercial Trawl Fishery
 - Facilitation team: Kirsten Ramey, Travis Tanaka,
- Non-commercial Fishery Stakeholders (Including Governmental Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Research/Academia Representatives, Recreational Fishery Anglers, and Native Nations)
 - Facilitation team: Debbie Aseltine-Nielson, Julia Coates, Huff McGonigal

Small Group Discussion Questions

Zoom breakout groups will discuss the following topical questions (subject to change) and have the opportunity to share additional insights and pose questions. Discussion highlights of each breakout room will be shared in plenary.

- Based on the definition within the Marine Life Management Act, what does sustainability mean to you? Based on your experience, is California halibut a sustainable fishery?
- How, if at all, is bycatch a concern for the California halibut fishery?
- How, if at all, are changing ocean conditions (in the past 20 years) impacting the California halibut fishery?
- Based on your understanding of the California halibut fishery, do you have recommendations related to the sustainability of the resource, bycatch, habitat, climate change, and/or socio economics?

Looking Ahead

Webinar participants will learn about the final webinar of this series, CDFW's next steps in designing a scaled management process for California halibut, and how to stay informed and engaged.

Notes

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