

IPHC Catch Limit Comment Form

Comment on Regulatory Area: 2A/2B/2C/3A/3B/4A/4B/4CDE Year: 2008
(Circle all that apply)

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1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal? That all areas should have their Quota dropped the same percentage amount across the board for a year or two to give the New coast wise assessment and management model time to prove itself.

2. What is the supporting information for this recommendation (e.g., catch rates, biomass trends, recruitment, etc.)? Please be specific where possible.

The reason for my response in item 1 is that an unproven biomass assessment model should not be allowed to benefit one fishery area while devastating another area. The quota in all areas should be reduced equally in percentage, if the new assessment model is correct. Proven correct after one or two years Quotas can be further adjusted.

Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by December 31, 2007 will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. **Remember to include contact information and signature.**

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The new coastwise management assessment will be a disaster for many small IFQ fishermen and those who have bought Quota Share only to have it cut over 40% in Area 2C in 2 years.

How can this New management assessment by out of state institution's be implemented when it has yet to be proven, this seems more like some under the table political decision to me.

It will benefit Areas 3B-4A & 4B and devastate Area 2C, Areas 3B 4A & 4B Fisherman benefit on both ends of the scale and Area 2C and Canada and points south pay the price.

I believe an equal Quota share drop in percentage ^{IN} All areas would be an idea.

The new coastal management plan will show the correct biomass effect, that is if it is ~~in~~ want a year or two wouldn't hurt.