

IPHC Catch Limit Comment Form

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

Submission Information (Please print or type)

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1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal?

CONSIDERING THAT THE IPHC MODEL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A COASTWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN, THEN WHY DOES THE IPHC NOT MANAGE THE STOCKS ON A COASTWIDE BASIS?

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

AFTER 2C GOVT DROPPED ALLOWED 20% IN 2007, AND IS RECOMMENDED BY IPHC STAFF TO DROP ABOUT 25% IN 2008, ADDING UP TO A 45% REDUCTION IN 2 YEARS, WHILE OTHER AREAS HAVE INCREASED HARVEST RECOMMENDATIONS.

SHOULD THE IPHC NOT ALLOW FOR MORE EASTWARD MIGRATION TO OCCUR TO OFFSET THE APPARENT OVERFISHING THAT THE EXISTING IPHC MODEL ALLOWED IN 2A, 2B, AND 2C? A COASTWIDE REDUCTION WOULD BE MORE EQUITABLE.

THIS WOULD ENABLE THESE AREAS TO REBUILD QUICKER AND MORE EQUITABLY AND WOULD BE VIEWED MORE FAVORABLY AS A "COASTWIDE" MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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.**