**Pacific halibut**

**NE Pacific**

**Fishery:** US West Coast/IPHC Regulatory Area 2A, United States, Vertical Lines

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**Identification**

**Scientific Name:**

Hippoglossus stenolepis

**Species Name(s):**

Pacific halibut

**Stock Identification:**

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**Assessment**

**Strengths:**

Spawning Biomass is above target levels. Managers have suspended management actions that were not conducive to conservation.

**Weaknesses:**

Harvest rates when bycatch included are too high. Exploitable biomass falling. Model overestimates biomass and underestimates mortality relative to the terminal year. As such stock is lower than what the scientific advice suggests.

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**Scores**

**Management Quality:**

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**FIPS**

No related FIPs

**MSC**

No related MSC fisheries

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**Recommendations**

**Retailers & Supply Chain**

1. Encourage your supply chain to start a fishery improvement project. For advice on starting a FIP see SFP's Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs here.
2. Work with other suppliers and buyers on a pre-competitive basis to start a supplier roundtable to review improvement needs in this and other similar fisheries, catalyze fishery improvement projects, and monitor progress in improvement efforts.

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**Related Links:**

- International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFFMC), US National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
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**Fishery Profile**

[https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/3352](https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/3352)