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Hearings on a proposed allocation program for Pacific Coast halibut during the 1946 season will be held in Seattle on April 10, Milton C. James, Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, announced today.

Members of the industry and interested Government agencies will be given an opportunity at the hearings to present their views as to the necessity for allocation of the halibut catch, and as to the character of the program if adopted, Mr. James said.

The hearings will be held in Assembly Room 332 of the White-Henry-Stuart Building in Seattle. Andrew W. Anderson, Chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of Commercial Fisheries, will preside.

Allocation of halibut by the Interior Department was first undertaken in 1944, and was continued in 1945. The Department has been requested by the Office of Price Administration to adopt a similar program this season in the interest of proper price control and of avoiding disturbance of normal channels of distribution.

The halibut fishery presents an unusual problem, Mr. James pointed out, because the size of the catch is rigidly limited under the terms of an international treaty with Canada. Under this treaty a catch of 52,500,000 pounds is authorized for 1946.

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