



2016 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

Inseason changes can be found on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1), at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/, and by text/e-mail subscription. Changes from last year (other than quotas) are underlined.

COLUMBIA RIVER SUBAREA (Leadbetter Pt., WA, to Cape Falcon)

Nearshore Season Quota = 500 lbs.
 Closed for the remainder of the year effective Wednesday, June 8, at 11:59 p.m. Open Mondays-Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom line off of Oregon beginning May 2, 2016, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

All-Depth Season Quota = 10,509 lbs.
 Closed for the remainder of the year effective Friday, June 3, at 11:59 p.m. Open May 1, 2016, Thursday-Sunday, every week through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season Quota = 24,769 lbs.
 Open June 1, seven days a week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota or Oct. 31.

All-Depth Seasons Combined Quota = 181,641 lbs.

	Quota (lbs)	Open Dates				Back-up Dates (if quota)	
Spring	130,038	May 12-14	May 19-21	May 26-28	June 2-4	June 16 17-18	CLOSED
Summer	51,603	Aug 5-6			Every other Fri-Sat, after Aug 5-6		

The Stonewall Bank YRCA (about 15 miles west of Newport) is closed to Pacific halibut fishing. Anglers on vessels possessing Pacific halibut are prohibited from fishing in the Stonewall Bank YRCA, even when targeting legal species

SOUTHERN OREGON SUBAREA (Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border)

Quota = 8,605 lbs. Open May 1, seven days per week, through the earlier of quota, or Oct. 31.

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

- Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut. Annual limit: 6. No length limit.
- Pacific halibut possession limit: 1 daily limit at sea, 3 daily limits on land
- Fathom lines and conservation areas are defined by waypoints.
- Pacific halibut seasons are managed and enforced based on port of landing. Halibut may only be landed at ports located within areas currently open to halibut retention, regardless of area of catch.
- North of Humbug Mt.: During days open to all-depth halibut fishing, most species may not be taken /retained /possessed/landed when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel except salmon (as regulations allow), sablefish, Pacific cod, flatfish species (soles, flounders, sanddabs & turbot), tuna and most other offshore pelagic species are allowed. During days closed to all-depth halibut fishing, retention of groundfish (as regulations allow) is permitted when Pacific halibut are onboard.
- South of Humbug Mt.: When angling for Pacific halibut outside of the 30 fm curve, most species may not be in possession when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel except salmon (as regulations allow) sablefish, Pacific cod, other flatfish species, and tuna and other offshore pelagic species are allowed.
- It is unlawful to fish for or take and retain any species while possessing onboard any species not allowed to be taken in that area at the time.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.

