



2010 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

Inseason updates in blue
08/12/2010

→ Inseason changes to open dates are announced on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1) and posted at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/

- Statewide daily bag limit is 1 Pacific halibut, no length limit; annual limit is 6
- Pacific halibut possession limit: 1 daily limit at sea, 3 daily limits on land
- *** **During days open to all-depth halibut fishing north of Humbug Mt.** most species may **not** be taken and retained, possessed or landed when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel **except** salmon (using authorized methods during authorized seasons), sablefish, Pacific cod, tuna and most other offshore pelagic species **are allowed**. Retention of legal groundfish is allowed during days closed to all-depth halibut fishing when a Pacific halibut is onboard the vessel.
- 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 2010 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.
- The directed **commercial** fishery is scheduled for June 30, ~~July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, and Sept. 22.~~

LEADBETTER PT. (WA) TO CAPE FALCON

- *** **All-Depth Seasons** Quota = 13,436 lbs
- **Spring:** Open May 1, three days per week, Thursday-Saturday, through **Friday, June 25**, the earlier of 9,405 lbs. or July 17. Spring limit = 9,405 lbs
 - **Summer:** Open Aug. 6, three days per week, Friday-Sunday, through the earlier of the quota or Sept. 26.

CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.

Nearshore Season..... Quota = 12,284 lbs
Open May 1, seven days per week, inside the 40-fathom line (defined by waypoints) through **Saturday, July 17, 2010** the earlier of quota or Oct. 31.

- *** **All-Depth Seasons**..... Quota = 141,265 lbs
- The Stonewall Bank YRCA (about 15 miles west of Newport and defined by waypoints) 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.
- **Spring:** Open dates are May 13-15, May 20-22, and June 3-5. Backup days are June 17-19 and **July 1-2**. July 3, July 15-17 and July 29-31. Spring limit = 105,948 lbs.
 - **Summer:** Open every other **Friday and Saturday** (Aug. 6-7, Aug. 20-21, Sept. 3-4, Sept. 17-18, Oct. 1-2, Oct. 15-16, Oct. 29-30) until the quota is taken.

SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT.

Open May 1, seven days per week, through Oct. 31.

