



# 2012 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

→ 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/](http://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 should consult the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.

## LEADBETTER PT. (WA) TO CAPE FALCON

\*\*\* All-Depth Seasons..... Combined Quota = 11,895 lbs.

- **Spring: CLOSED.** Open May 3, three days per week, Thursday-Saturday, through the earlier of 9,516 lbs. or July 14.
- **Summer: CLOSED.** Open Aug. 3, three days per week, Friday-Sunday, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

## CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.

Nearshore Season.....Quota = ~~28,014 lbs~~ **23,014 lbs**

**CLOSED after July 22. REOPENED beginning Sept. 24 with approx. 4,800 lbs.** Open May 1, seven days per week, inside the 40-fathom line (defined by waypoints) through the earlier of quota or Oct. 31.

\*\*\* All-Depth Seasons..... Combined Quota = ~~163,766 lbs~~ **168,766 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: CLOSED.** Open May 10-12, May 17-19, May 24-26, and May 31-June 2. **Open June 14-16. Open Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30. (Thursday, June 28, was not open).** Potential dates for additional openings include June 14-16, June 28-30, July 12-14, and July 26-28 as long as sufficient quota remains. Spring limit = 120,821 lbs.
- **Summer: CLOSED.** Open every other **Friday and Saturday** (Aug. 3-4, Aug. 17-18, Aug. 31-Sept 1, Sept. 14-15, Sept. 28-29, Oct. 12-13, Oct. 26-27) until the quota is taken.

## SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT.

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

