



2013 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/

- Daily bag limit = 1 fish; annual bag limit = 6; possession limit = 1 at sea and 3 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 (when only the nearshore, inside 40-fm, fishery is open).
- 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 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.

COLUMBIA RIVER (Leadbetter Pt, WA to Cape Falcon, OR)

- *** **All-Depth Seasons**..... Combined Quota = 11,895 lbs.
 - **Spring: CLOSED**
 - **Summer:** Open Aug. 2, three days per week, Friday-Sunday, through the earlier of the quota or Sept. 30

CENTRAL COAST (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season (Inside 40 fm) Quota = 23,038 lbs.
(The 40-fathom line is defined by waypoints). **CLOSED**

- *** **All-Depth Seasons**..... Combined Quota = 168,942 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**
- **Summer: CLOSED**

SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT.

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

