



2014 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)

This subarea is closed for the remainder of 2014

Nearshore Season Quota = 1,190 lbs.

Open inside the 40-fathom line off of Oregon beginning May 5, 2014, on days when the all-depth halibut fishery is closed (Monday-Wednesday), through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

All-Depth Seasons Combined Quota = 10,705 lbs.

- **Spring season:** Open May 1, **Thursday-Sunday**, through 8,564 lbs. or the start of the summer season.
- **Summer season:** Open Aug. 1, **Thursday-Sunday**, through the earlier of the quota or Sept. 30.

CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season Quota = 22,274 lbs.

Open **July 1, seven days a week**, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota or Oct. 31.

All-Depth Seasons Combined Quota = 159,634 lbs.

	Quota (lbs)	Open Dates				Back-up Dates (if quota)		
		May 8-10	May 22-24	June 5-7	June 19-21	July 3-5	July 17-19	July 31
Spring	113,229	May 8-10	May 22-24	June 5-7	June 19-21	July 3-5	July 17-19	July 31
Summer	46,405	Aug 1-2				Every other Fri-Sat, after Aug 1-2; closed after Aug. 16		

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 = 3,712 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.
- 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, 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.
- 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 2014 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.
- 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.

