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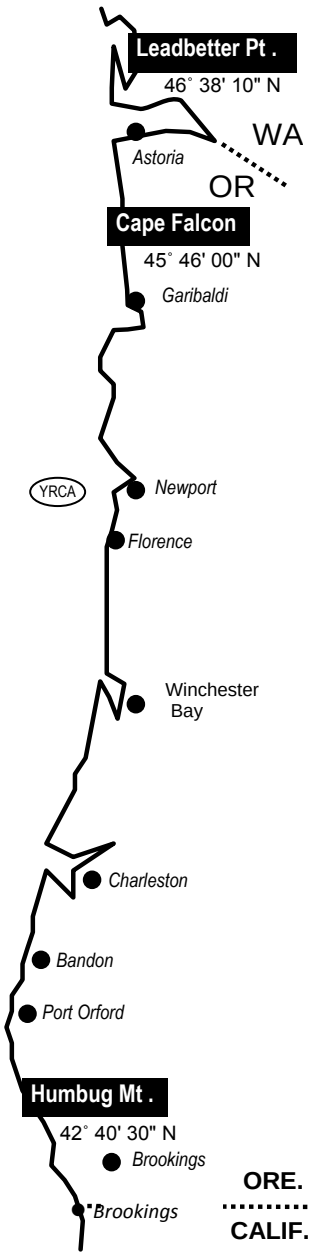
2015 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

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



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

Nearshore Season ..... Quota = 500 lbs.

Open inside the 40-fathom line off of Oregon beginning May 4, 2015, Monday-Wednesday; **open 7 days a week beginning Monday, June 15**, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

All-Depth Season ..... **CLOSED** effective June 3; quota attained

CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season ..... Quota = 21,076 lbs.

Open July 1, seven days a week, through the earlier of the quota or Oct. 31, inside the management line approximating the 40-fm curve, http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/regulations/sport_fishing/docs/40fmwaypts.pdf

All-Depth Seasons ..... Combined Quota = 154,557 lbs.

	Quota (lbs)	Open Dates				Back-up Dates (if quota)
Spring	110,649	May 14-16	May 28-30	June 11-13	June 25-27	**CLOSED**, effective July 1
Summer	**45,394***	Aug 7-8				Every other Fri-Sat, after Aug 7-8

*Includes rollover from Spring All-Depth Season

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 = 7,318 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),** 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 2015 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.