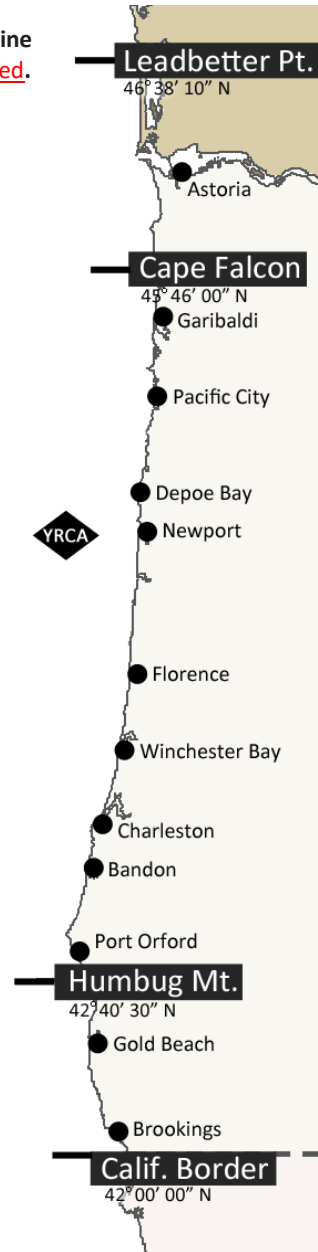




2020 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

Due to COVID-19, there may be delays to season openings and/or inseason changes.

Inseason changes can be found) at <https://myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations>, on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1), and by text/e-mail subscription. Inseason changes (other than quotas) are underlined.



COLUMBIA RIVER SUBAREA (Leadbetter Pt., WA, to Cape Falcon)										
Nearshore Season	Quota = 500 lbs. Open Mondays-Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom line off of Oregon beginning August 10, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.									
All-Depth Season	Quota = 17,949 lbs.									
Opening Date	Additional Dates, (if quota)									
<u>Thurs, Aug 6</u>	Then, <u>beginning Thur. Aug 13 open every Thur. and Sun., plus Fri., Sept. 4, Fri., Sept. 11, Mon., Sept. 28 and Tues., Sept. 29</u> , through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.									
CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)										
Nearshore Season	Quota = 32,591 lbs. Open May 1, seven days a week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota or Oct. 31.									
All-Depth Seasons	Combined Quota = 239,001 lbs.									
	Quota (lbs)									
	Scheduled Open Dates; <i>(subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions)</i>									
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Summer	67,898 Aug 6-8; Aug 20-22; then <u>every Thursday, Friday & Saturday</u> , through the earlier of the quota or Oct. 31.									
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)										
Open May 1, seven days per week, through the earlier of quota, or Oct. 31. Quota = 8,000 lbs.										

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

- It is **mandatory to have a descending device** onboard the vessel when fishing for Pacific halibut, and **to use when releasing any rockfish species when fishing outside of 30 fathoms.**
- **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.: Through August 31, during days open to all-depth halibut fishing, only salmon (as regulations allow), sablefish, Pacific cod, flatfish species (soles, flounders, sanddabs & turbot), tuna, and most other offshore pelagic species may be in possession or landed when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel. During days closed to all-depth halibut fishing, retention of groundfish (as regulations allow; including other species of flatfish outside of the seasonal depth restriction) is permitted when Pacific halibut are onboard.
- South of Humbug Mt.: Through August 31, when angling for Pacific halibut outside of the 40-fm curve, only salmon (as regulations allow), sablefish, Pacific cod, flatfish species (soles, flounders, sanddabs & turbot), tuna and most other offshore pelagic species may be in possession or landed when Pacific halibut are 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 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.