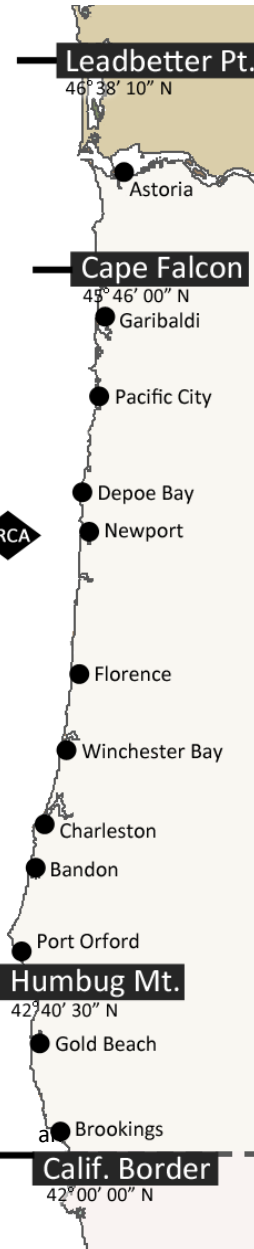




2022 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

Inseason changes can be found on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1), at myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations, & by text/email subscription. Changes from last year are underlined.



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

Nearshore Season **Quota = 500 lbs.**
Open Mondays-Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom line off Oregon beginning May 9, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

All-Depth Season **Quota = 18,537 lbs.**

Initial Open Dates	Additional Dates (if quota)	
May 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26	Jun 2-30 (Thurs & Sun), <u>Jun 13 and Jun 20</u>	<u>Fri, Aug. 19; Thurs, Aug 25; Sun, Aug 28;</u> <u>Sat, Sept 3; Sun, Sept 4; Fri, Sept 23</u>

CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season **Quota = 32,374 lbs.**
Open May 1, seven days a week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota or Oct 31. When the all-depth halibut season is open, the all-depth halibut regulations apply.

All-Depth Seasons **Combined Quota = 237,408 lbs.**

	Quota (lbs.)	Open Dates	Back-Up Dates (if quota)
Spring	169,963	Open May 12 through June 30, <u>7 days</u> per week	Jul 7- <u>30</u> , <u>every Thurs-Sat</u>
Summer	67,445	Aug 1-31: <u>every</u> Thurs- Sat, <u>Sep 1 - Oct 31: 7 days per week</u> or quota is caught	

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:

- May be taken by angling with a single line, no more than 2 hooks; and by spear
- It is **mandatory to have a descending device** onboard the vessel when fishing for Pacific halibut, use a device when releasing any rockfish species when fishing outside of 30 fathoms.
- Daily bag limit: beginning Sept 1, 2 fish for the Central OR Coast & Southern OR Coast Subareas
- Daily bag limit: 1 fish for the Columbia River Subarea, no length limit
- Pacific halibut possession limit: 1 daily bag limit at sea, 3 daily bag limits on land, 6 Pacific halibut per calendar year
- Fathom lines and conservation areas are defined by waypoints. myodfw.com/waypoints-sport-fishing
- Pacific halibut seasons are managed and enforced based on port of landing. Halibut may only be landed into ports located within areas currently open to halibut retention, regardless of area of catch.
- During **MAY, JUN, SEPT, & OCT**, bottomfish may be combined with all-depth halibut on days open to all-depth halibut. Longleader gear fishing cannot be combined with all-depth halibut during these months.
- During **JUL & AUG**, on days open for all-depth halibut, only sablefish, Pacific cod & other flatfish species (no other bottomfish species) can be combined with halibut, unless the trip is combined with longleader gear fishing, in which case, longleader gear fishing must take place outside of 40 fathoms, and once rockfish are on board, no further halibut fishing is allowed.
- When angling for Pacific halibut, salmon (as regulations allow), tuna and most other offshore pelagic species may be in possession or landed when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel. However, on days closed for all-depth halibut, no fishing can occur outside of 40 fathoms once halibut are on board.
- During the nearshore seasons, retention of bottomfish and salmon (as regulations allow) is permitted when halibut are onboard the vessel. Once halibut are onboard the vessel no fishing can occur outside of 40 fathoms.
- 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 that time.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2022 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.