



# 2024 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](http://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 lb**  
Open Mondays through Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom regulatory line off Oregon beginning May 6 until September 30 or the quota is caught.

**All-Depth Season** ..... **Quota = 18,112 lb**

Open Dates	Additional Dates (if quota)
Every Thurs., Sun., and Tues. <u>May 2 through June 30*</u> or until the quota is caught (*closed May 28)	<u>Aug. 1 through Sept. 30, up to 7 days per week</u>

## CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

**Nearshore Season** ..... **Quota = 31,939 lb**  
Open May 1, 7 days per week, inside the 40-fathom regulatory line, until October 31 or the quota is caught.

**All-Depth Season** ..... **Combined Quota = 234,221 lb**

	Quota (lb)	Open Dates	Backup Dates (if quota)
Spring	167,681	May 1 through June 30, 7 days per week	<u>July 1-31, 7 days per week</u>
Summer	66,540	<u>Aug. 1-3</u> ; then every other Thurs.-Sat. until Oct. 31 or the 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, 7 days per week, until Oct. 31 or the quota is caught ..... **Quota = 8,000 lb**

### STATEWIDE REGULATIONS:

- It is **mandatory to have a descending device** onboard the vessel when fishing for Pacific halibut and to use the descending device when releasing any rockfish species when fishing outside of 30 fathoms.
- Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut for the Columbia River Subarea, 2 Pacific halibut for the Central Coast and Southern Oregon Subareas. 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: [myodfw.com/waypoints-sport-fishing](http://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 all-depth halibut days, longleader gear fishing OR the traditional general marine bottomfish fishery (lingcod and black rockfish) may be combined with all-depth halibut during days when the bottomfish fishery is not depth restricted. **The longleader fishery and traditional bottomfish fishery cannot be combined on the same trip.**
- Sablefish, Pacific cod & other flatfish species can be combined with all-depth halibut and the longleader gear or traditional bottomfish fishery. When retained, sablefish and Pacific cod will count towards any bottomfish and/or longleader bag limit.
- When angling for Pacific halibut outside of the 40-fm regulatory line, salmon (as regulations allow), bottomfish (as regulations above allow), 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 that time.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2024 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.

