



Staff Recommended
2024 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS
The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will finalize the
2024 sport halibut seasons on April 19

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 lb
Open Mondays through Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom line off Oregon beginning
May 6 until September 30 or the quota is caught.

All-Depth Season Quota = 18,112 lb

Table with 2 columns: Open Dates, Additional Dates (if quota). Rows include seasonal dates and weekly limits.

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 line, until October 31 or the quota is
caught.

All-Depth Season Combined Quota = 234,221 lb

Table with 4 columns: Quota (lb), Open Dates, Backup Dates (if quota). Rows for Spring and Summer seasons.

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
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.

