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RULE SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments regulate the 2026 commercial and recreational Pacific halibut fisheries, including establishing the seasons and quotas for Oregon state-water fisheries, ensuring and promoting consistency with federally-adopted regulations, and incorporating housekeeping and technical corrections.

The Commission may decide to adopt staff recommended proposed rule amendments or the Commission may decide to modify the proposed rules or not adopt some or any of the proposed rule amendments.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-004-0585

Scope, Inclusion, and Modification of Pacific Halibut Fishery Rules ¶

(1) The commercial Pacific halibut fishery in the Pacific Ocean off Oregon is jointly managed by the state of Oregon, the federal government, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). The Code of Federal Regulations

provides federal requirements for this fishery, including but not limited to the time, place, and manner of taking Pacific halibut. However, additional federal regulations may be promulgated subsequently by publication in the Federal Register, and these supersede, to the extent of any inconsistency, the Code of Federal Regulations.

Therefore, the following publications are incorporated into Oregon Administrative Rule by reference:¶

(a) Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 66300, Subpart E, (October 1 January 22, 2024 6 ed.), as amended; ¶

(b) Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 54, dated Friday, March 21, 2025; and ¶

(c) Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 6257, dated Wednesday, April March 25, 2025 6 ¶

(2) Persons must consult the federal regulations in addition to Division 004 to determine all applicable Pacific halibut fishing requirements. The area that federal regulations apply to is hereby extended to the area from shore to three nautical miles from shore, coterminous with the Exclusive Economic Zone.¶

(3) The Commission may adopt additional or modified regulations that are more conservative than federal regulations, in which case Oregon Administrative Rule takes precedence.¶

(4) It is unlawful to take Pacific halibut for commercial purposes except as set by federal regulations and the IPHC and in accordance with a valid permit issued by the IPHC.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.162, ORS 506.119, ORS 506.129

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 506.109, ORS 496.012

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Halibut Seasons ¶

(1) The Pacific halibut sport fishery in Oregon is regulated by the federal government and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). OAR Chapter 635, Division 039 incorporates into Oregon Administrative Rules, by reference: ¶

(a) Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 300, Subpart E (~~October 1~~ January 22, 2024 ed.), as amended; ¶

~~(b) Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 54, dated Friday, March 21, 2025; and ¶~~

~~(c) Federal Register Vol. 90, No. 6257, dated Wednesday, April 2, 2025. ¶~~

(2) Therefore, persons must consult all publications referenced in this rule in addition to Division 039 to determine applicable halibut fishing seasons:

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.162, ORS 506.119, ORS 506.129

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 506.109, ORS 496.012