

2009 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

- Statewide daily bag limit is 1 fish, no length limit; annual limit is 6 fish
- Possession limit: 1 daily limit at sea, 3 daily limits on land
- During days open to all-depth halibut fishing north of Humbug Mt., most species may not be taken and retained, possessed or landed when Pacific halibut are on board the vessel except salmon (using authorized methods during authorized seasons), sablefish, Pacific cod, tuna and most other offshore pelagic species are allowed. Retention of legal groundfish is allowed during days closed to all-depth fishing when a Pacific halibut is on board the vessel.
- It is unlawful to fish for or take and retain any species while possessing on board any species not allowed to be taken in that area at the time.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2009 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.
- The directed **commercial** fishery is scheduled for June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Sept. 16 and Sept. 30.

LEADBETTER PT. (WA) TO CAPE FALCON

All-Depth Seasons

- **Spring season.** Open May 1, three days per week, Thursday-Saturday, through the earlier of 11,014 lbs. or July 18.
- **Summer season.** Open Aug. 7, three days per week, Friday-Sunday, through the earlier of the total subarea catch limit of 15,735 lbs. or Sept. 27.

CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.

Nearshore Season

Opens May 1, seven days per week, inside the 40-fathom line (defined by waypoints) through the earlier of 14,407 lbs. or Oct. 31.

All-Depth Seasons

The Stonewall Bank YRCA (about 15 miles west of Newport and defined by waypoints) 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.

- **Spring Season:** Proposed open dates (NMFS decision in March) are May 14-16, May 21-23, May 28-30 and June 4-6. Proposed backup days (if sufficient quota remains) are June 18-20, July 2-4, July 16-18 and July 30-31. The catch limit is 124,261 lbs.
- **Summer Season:** Opens Aug. 7. Scheduled to be open every other Friday-Sunday (i.e., Aug. 7-9, Aug. 21-23, Sept. 4-6, Sept. 18-20, Oct. 2-4, Oct. 16-18, Oct. 30-31) until the total subarea all-depth catch limit of 165,681 lbs. is taken.

→ Open dates will be announced on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1) and posted at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP

SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT.

Open May 1, seven days per week, through Oct. 31.

