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Staff Recommended 2011 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

(The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will adopt the 2011 halibut regulations at their meeting on March 11)

→ Inseason changes to open dates are announced on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1) and posted at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/

- Statewide daily bag limit is 1 Pacific halibut, no length limit; annual limit is 6
- Pacific halibut 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 onboard 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 halibut fishing when a Pacific halibut is 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 the time.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2011 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.

LEADBETTER PT. (WA) TO CAPE FALCON

- *** All-Depth Seasons Combined Quota = 15,418 lbs
- **Spring:** Open May 5, three days per week, Thursday-Saturday, through the earlier of 10,793 lbs. or July 16.
 - **Summer:** Open Aug. 5, three days per week, Friday-Sunday, through the earlier of the quota or Sept. 30.

CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.

Nearshore Season Quota = 13,800 lbs
 Open May 1, seven days per week, inside the 40-fathom line (defined by waypoints) through the earlier of 13,800 lbs or Oct. 31.

- *** All-Depth Seasons Combined Quota = 158,705 lbs
- 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:** Open dates are May 12-14, May 26-28, June 2-4, and June 9-11. Backup days are June 23-25, July 7-9, and July 21-23. Spring limit = 115,578 lbs.
 - **Summer:** Open every other **Friday and Saturday** (Aug. 5-6, Aug. 19-20, Sept. 2-3, Sept. 16-17, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Oct. 14-15, Oct. 28-29) until the quota is taken.

SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT.

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

