



Staff Recommended 2022 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS 02/15/2022

The Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission will finalize the 2022 sport halibut seasons on April 22

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 lbs.
Open Mondays-Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom line off Oregon beginning May 9, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

All-Depth Season..... Quota = 18,537 lbs.

Open Dates						Additional Dates (if quota)	
Thurs May 5	Sun May 8	Thurs May 12	Sun May 15	Thurs May 19	Sun May 22	Thurs May 26	Jun 2, every Thurs & Sun, through earlier of quota, or June 30

CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season Quota = 32,374 lbs.
Open May 1, seven days a week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota or Oct 31.

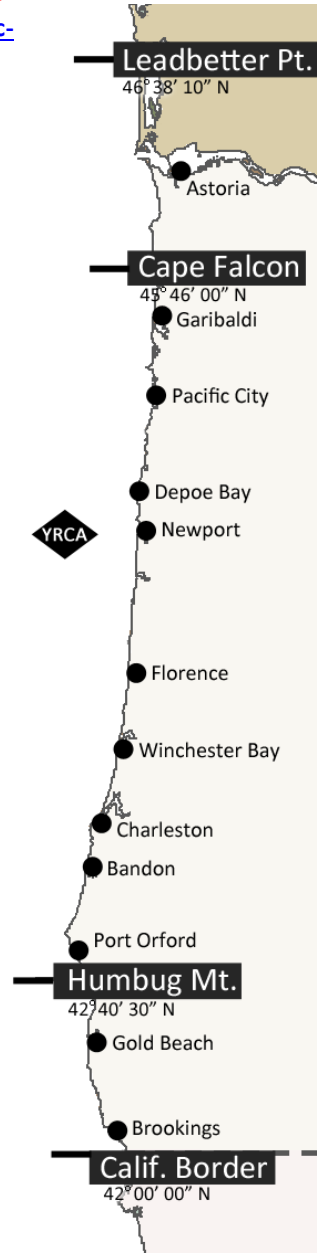
All-Depth Seasons Combined Quota = 237,408 lbs.

	Quota (lbs)	Open Dates	Back-Up Dates (if quota)
Spring	169,963	Open May 12 through June 30, <u>7 days</u> per week	Jul 7-9 & 21-23
Summer	67,445	Aug 4-6; 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, seven days per week, through the earlier of quota, or Oct 31 Quota = 8,000 lbs.



STATEWIDE REGULATIONS:

- It is **mandatory to have a descending device** onboard the vessel when fishing for Pacific halibut, and to use a device when releasing any rockfish species when fishing outside of 30 fathoms.
- Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut. 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 **MAY, JUN, SEPT, & OCT** bottomfish may be combined with all-depth halibut on days open to all-depth halibut. Longleader gear fishing cannot be combined with all-depth halibut during these months.
- During **JUL & AUG**, only sablefish, Pacific cod & other flatfish species (no other bottomfish species) can be combined with all-depth halibut, unless the trip is combined with longleader gear fishing, in which case, longleader gear fishing must take place outside of 40 fathoms, and once rockfish are on board, no further halibut fishing is allowed.
- When angling for Pacific halibut outside of the 40-fm, curve, only 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 2022 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.