



# 2023 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

Inseason changes can be found on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1), at [myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations](https://myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations), & by text/email subscription. Changes 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 8, through the earlier of quota or Sept. 30.

**All-Depth Season**..... **Quota = 18,375 lbs.**

Previous Dates	Additional Open Dates
May 4 – May 25 and June 1 – June 30; every Thursday and Sunday, June 13 and June 20	<u>August 26 and 27</u> <u>September 8, 9, and 22</u>

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**CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA** (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

**Nearshore Season** ..... **Quota = 33,026 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 = 242,188 lbs.**

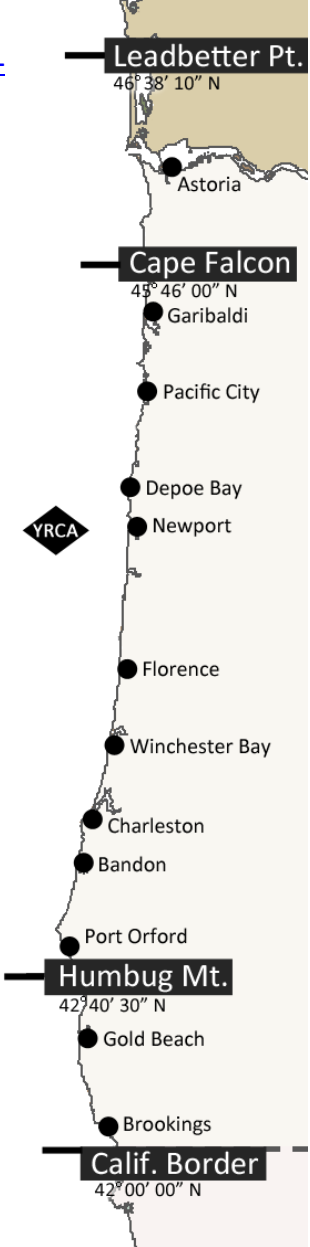
	Quota (lbs)	Open Dates	Back-Up Dates
Spring	173,385	Open May 1 through Jun 30, seven days per week	Jul 10-16 & Jul 24-30
Summer	68,803	<u>Open Aug 3, seven days per week, through the earlier of quota, or Oct 31</u>	

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.

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**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: 2 halibut for the Central Coast & Southern Oregon Subareas.
- Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut for the Columbia River Subarea.
- Pacific halibut possession limit: 1 daily bag limit at sea, 3 daily bag limits on land, 6 Pacific halibut per calendar year.
- Fathom lines and conservation areas are defined by waypoints. [myodfw.com/waypoints-sport-fishing](https://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 bottomfish fishery 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 2023 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.