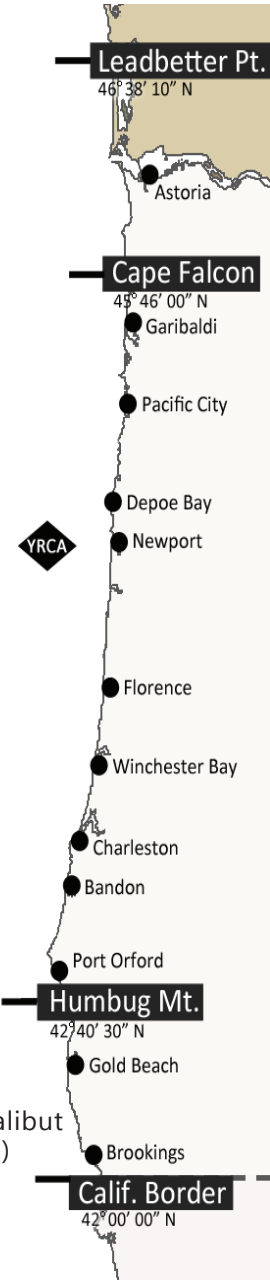




2025 PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT REGULATIONS

Inseason changes can be found on the NMFS Hotline (1-800-662-9825; #5; #1), at myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations, & by text/email subscription. Changes from last year are underlined.



COLUMBIA RIVER SUBAREA (Leadbetter Pt., WA, to Cape Falcon, OR)

Nearshore Season **Quota = 500 lb**
Open Mondays through Wednesdays inside the 40-fathom regulatory line off Oregon beginning May 5 until September 30 or the quota is caught.

All-Depth Season **Quota = 23,587 lb**

Open Dates	Additional Dates (if quota)
<u>Every Thurs., Fri., and Sun. May 1-June 30.</u> <u>Additional days added: June 9, 10, 16, 17, 30</u>	<u>Aug. 17 through Sept. 30, every Sunday through Friday (closed Saturday)</u>

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

Nearshore Season **Quota = 10,000 lb**
Open May 1, 7 days per week, inside the 40-fathom regulatory line, until October 31 or the quota is caught.

All-Depth Season **Combined Quota = 262,024 lb**

	Quota (lb)	Open Dates	Backup Dates (if quota)
Spring	<u>202,768</u>	<u>May 1 through July 31, 7 days per week</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Summer	59,256	<u>Aug. 1 through Oct. 31, 7 days per week</u> , 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, 7 days per week, until Oct. 31 or the quota is caught **Quota = 8,000 lb**

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS:

- It is **mandatory to have a descending device** onboard the vessel when fishing for Pacific halibut and to use the descending device when releasing any rockfish when fishing outside (seaward) of the 30-fathom regulatory line.
- Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut for the Columbia River Subarea and 2 Pacific halibut for the Central Oregon Coast and Southern Oregon Subareas. 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 all-depth halibut days, long-leader gear fishing **OR** the traditional general marine bottomfish fishery (lingcod and black rockfish) may be combined with halibut. **The long-leader 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 long-leader gear or traditional bottomfish fishery. When retained, Pacific cod will count towards the bottomfish or long-leader bag limit.
- When angling for Pacific halibut outside (seaward) of the 40-fathom regulatory line, salmon, bottomfish, tuna and most other offshore pelagic species may be in possession or landed when Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel as regulations allow.
- 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 [Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations](#) for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.