



2024 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 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 6 through September 30 or the quota is caught.

All-Depth Season **Quota = 18,112 lb**

Open Dates	Additional Dates (if quota)
Every Thurs., Sun., and Tues. May 2 through June 30* or until the quota is caught (*closed May 28)	<u>Aug. 22 - Sept. 3 & Sept. 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, & 29 or until quota is caught</u>

CENTRAL COAST SUBAREA (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.)

Nearshore Season **Quota = 31,939 lb**
Open May 1, 7 days per week, inside the 40-fathom regulatory line, through October 31 or the quota is caught.

All-Depth Season **Combined Quota = 234,221 lb**

	Quota (lb)	Open Dates	Additional Dates
Spring	167,681	May 1 through June 30, 7 days per week	July 1-31, 7 days per week
Summer	66,540	<u>Aug. 1, 7 days per week, through Oct. 31 or until the quota is caught</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.

SOUTHERN OREGON SUBAREA (Humbug Mt. to OR/CA border)

Open May 1, 7 days per week, through 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 species when fishing outside of 30 fathoms.
- May be taken by angling with a single line, no more than 2 hooks, and by spear.
- Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut for the Columbia River Subarea, 2 Pacific halibut for the Central 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.
- When angling for Pacific halibut, 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.**
- During all-depth halibut days, either the offshore longleader gear fishery **OR** the traditional general marine bottomfish fishery (lingcod and black rockfish) may be combined with halibut.
 - Sablefish and Pacific cod 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.
- Anglers are advised to consult the 2024 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for General (statewide), Zone, and Special Regulations prior to fishing.

