



Quinault Indian Nation

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2018 SEASONAL REGULATION

Quinault Unrestricted Halibut Regulation - 03 May 1, 2018

Opening Date: The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for commercial harvest of halibut by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 6:00 am on Thursday, May 3, 2018. No fishing gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date and time stated above.

Closing Date: The Quinault Nation's commercial halibut fishery shall close at 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, May 4, 2018. All fishing gear shall be removed from the water by the closing time. All vessels must be in port by 12:00 am (midnight) Saturday May 5, 2018.

Area: The area open for fishing to all tribal members shall be limited to all Pacific Ocean waters between Point Chehalis (46°53.30' N Lat.) and Destruction Island (47°40.10' N. Lat.), and west to 30 nautical miles off shore.

Size Limit: The minimum size limit for commercial harvest and retention of halibut is 32 inches measured from the front of the head to the fork (middle) of the tail. All halibut shall be landed and sold head-on. Filleting is not allowed until all catch is properly landed and reported per this regulation.

Gear: Halibut may be harvested with hook and line gear only. Halibut harvest should be limited to snap gear only during commercial blackcod openings. Harvest of halibut with pots, traps, trawls, nets, or any method other than hook and line gear is hereby prohibited. The use of streamer lines to prevent sea bird by catch is required for all vessels.

OFFLOADING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: It is a violation to offload any halibut unless the following requirements have been met:

1. Vessel skipper is required to contact Taholah Police Department dispatch at 360-276-4423 (or 4424) before entering Grays Harbor with halibut.

2. The skipper will provide the following information when they call: Time of arrival, estimated time of off-load, and location of off-load in Westport.

All calls will be logged by Taholah Police Department for proof of compliance and Fisheries Enforcement Officers will be notified. Failure to follow these requirements will be a violation of this regulation.

Catch Reporting and Sale: Halibut shall be sold only to Quinault authorized commercial fish buyers within 24hrs of the close of the fishery. All halibut harvested by Quinault fishers, including those retained for ceremonial and subsistence use shall be reported on either Quinault authorized or Washington State fish receiving tickets within no more than 12 hours of landing. Halibut retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on fish receiving tickets as ceremonial and subsistence harvest. The sale of halibut harvested for ceremonial and subsistence use is prohibited.

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Log Book: All fishers engaging in the commercial harvest of halibut shall maintain and promptly and accurately enter all required information in a halibut logbook provided by the Quinault Department of Fisheries. The halibut log book shall be produced and made available for inspection or copying upon request by the Quinault Department of Fisheries.

Vessel and Gear Identification: Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing the registration and numbering of fishing vessels. Numbers shall be displayed in a manner clearly visible from the air. All unattended gear shall be clearly marked with the fisher's tribal enrollment number.

Fisher Licenses and Identification: Quinault tribal members who participate in the treaty Indian off-reservation ocean fisheries, or land or delivering fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2018 Quinault ocean fishery.

Other: A.) A member of the Quinault Indian Nation is prohibited from assisting in any manner whatsoever a member of any other tribe claiming a treaty right to the halibut fishery regardless of whether the other tribe's claimed usual and accustomed fishing area overlaps the usual and accustomed fishing area of the Quinault Indian Nation. B.) All fishing by members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be in accordance with all applicable Quinault tribal laws and regulations. C.) Trip limits, monthly harvest limits, and other management measures may be adopted during the season to achieve tribal harvest management objectives. D.) Fishers are advised to check for in-season modifications of these regulations.



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