



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## 2017 SEASONAL REGULATION -03

### Quinault Restricted Halibut Regulation May 17, 2017

**Opening Date:** The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for Restricted commercial harvest of halibut by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 19, 2017. No fishing gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date and time stated above.

**Closing Date:** The Quinault Nation's restricted halibut fishery shall close at 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 20, 2017. All fishing gear shall be removed from the water by the closing time. All vessels must be in port by 6:00am, May 21, 2017.

**Trip Limit:** No more than **2,500 pounds of halibut total** may be retained and landed by an authorized vessel during the period pursuant to this regulation.

**Area:** The area open to fishing by authorized members of the Quinault Indian Nation is the Pacific Ocean between Point Chehalis (46°53'18" N.) and Destruction Island (47°40'06" N.), and east of (125°08'30" W).

**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 catch is properly landed and reported per this regulation.

**Gear:** Halibut may be harvested with hook and line gear only. Further gear restrictions apply to the use of snap gear only during openings of commercial blackcod fisheries. Harvest of halibut with pots, traps, trawls, nets, or any method other than hook and line gear is hereby prohibited.

**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.

3. It is the vessel skipper's responsibility to immediately notify Taholah Police and/or Quinault Fisheries Enforcement should unforeseen circumstances keep the vessel from meeting the offloading requirements of this regulation including arrival time at port and offloading and fish ticket requirements noted below.

**Catch Reporting and Sale:** Halibut shall be sold only to Quinault authorized commercial fish buyers within 24 hours of the close of the fishery. All halibut harvested by Quinault fishers, including those retained for ceremonial and subsistence use, shall be offloaded and reported on either Quinault or Washington State fish receiving tickets no more than 24 hours after the close of the fishery (7:00pm, April 23, 2017). 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.

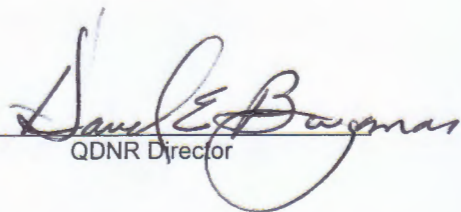
**Log Book:** All fishers engaging in the commercial harvest of halibut shall maintain and promptly and accurately enter all required information in a halibut log book provided by the Quinault Department of Fisheries. The halibut log book shall be produced and made available for inspection or copying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

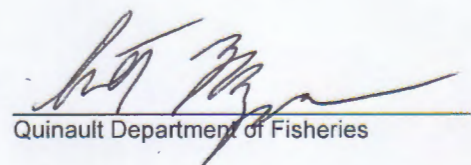
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**Vessel and Gear Identification:** Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing 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 2017 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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