

## Oregon and Washington Halibut Trips

We currently have seating available for halibut trips off the coasts of Oregon and Washington May through July as well as halibut trips into Canadian waters out of Neah Bay, Washington.



The halibut season is managed on a quota bases. Halibut fishing is typically the best in May and June.

**Oregon seasons/updates:** <http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/odfw/finfish/halibut/index.html>

**Washington seasons/updates:** <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/creel/halibut/>

We can insure that you will be fishing on the safest and most successful boats, boats that consistently experience the highest catch year after year. We have sport catch records for the past 10 years for all charter boats at all Oregon and Washington ports. This, along with our client feedback, allows us to provide you with the best trip possible.

Pacific Halibut boats out of Newport run out about 30 miles, and are 10 to 12 hours in duration. Fishing in over 600 feet of water for these giant flatfish, often over 100 pounds, they also pick up Lingcod, Black Cod, and Chinook.

Pacific Halibut boats out of Astoria and Ilwaco run about 50 miles out and are 12 hours in duration.

These are physically demanding trips, but extremely popular with the adventurous. Boats typically depart by 5:00 AM sharp and return back to port about 5:00 PM.

Regulations restrict Halibut fishing to certain days each week until the quota is reached. Bag limit is one fish no minimum length.

Rockfish and or Ling Cod will also be pursued as a secondary target when time, weather, and water currents permit. These additional fish make a great Bonus to an already exciting trip.

## 2006 OREGON PACIFIC HALIBUT SPORT SEASONS

Statewide daily bag limit is one fish with no minimum length.  
Possession limit is 1 daily limit at sea and 3 daily limits on land.

### LEADBETTER PT. (WA) TO CAPE FALCON

Opened May 1, seven days per week, through the earlier of 14,819 lbs or July 16. **Closed effective 12:59 pm on Saturday, May 27.**

Reopens Aug. 4, Fridays-Sundays, through the earlier of the season total quota for this area of 21,170 lbs or Sept. 30.

When Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel, possession and/or landing groundfish species, except sablefish and Pacific cod, is prohibited.

### CAPE FALCON TO HUMBUG MT.

When Pacific halibut are onboard the vessel, possession and/or landing groundfish species, except sablefish, is prohibited on all-depth halibut days.

#### Nearshore Season

Opens May 1, seven days per week, inside the 40-fathom line (*defined by waypoints*) through the earlier of 20,345 lbs or Oct. 31.

#### All-Depth Seasons

The high-relief area of Stonewall Bank (*about 15 miles west of Newport and defined by waypoints*) is closed to Pacific halibut fishing. Vessels possessing Pacific halibut are prohibited from any fishing in this area, even when targeting legal species.

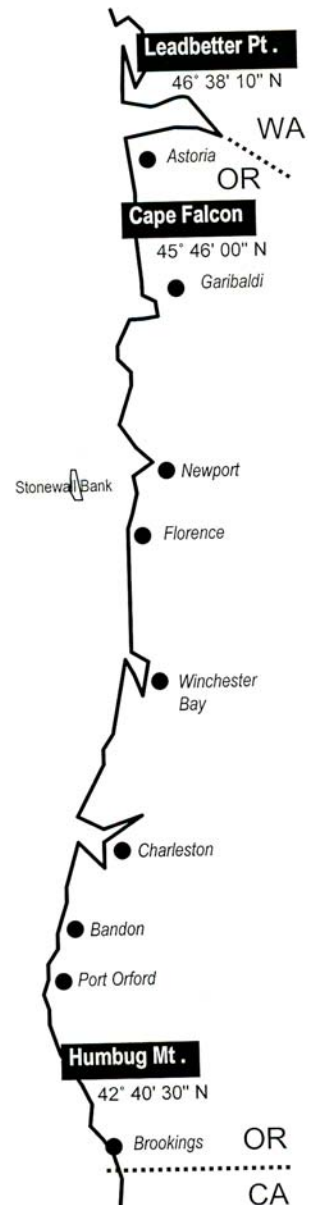
**Spring Season:** Open dates are May 11-13, 18-20, 25-27; and June 1-3 and 8-10. If quota remains, the fishery may continue until the quota is taken on June 22-24; July 6-8 and 20-22. The catch limit is 175,474 lbs.

**Summer Season:** Open dates are Aug. 4-6, 18-20; Sept. 1-3, 15-17, 29-30; and Oct. 1, 13-15 and 27-29 until the combined spring/summer all-depth quota of 233,965 lbs is taken. If, however, the spring season exceeds the combined spring/summer quota, then the summer season will not occur. Additional days may be opened in-season.

Open dates will be announced on the NOAA Fisheries hotline (1-800-662-9825) and posted at [www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP)

### SOUTH OF HUMBUG MT. THROUGH CALIF.

Opens May 1, seven days per week, through Oct. 31.



Groundfish species include all species of rockfish; lingcod; kelp greenling; cabezon; Pacific cod; sablefish; flounders and soles; Pacific sanddab; Pacific whiting (hake); leopard shark; soupfin shark; spiny dogfish; big skate; California skate; longnose skate; ratfish; Pacific rattail; and finescale codling.

Contact ODFW at (541) 867-4741 for more information



We had an awesome Halibut quota last year, which made for a fantastic fishery. One change to last year's season is that there was no minimum length. In previous years, halibut less than 32 inches long had to be released off Oregon and California. Another change, sport anglers did not have to keep the first fish they caught.

Remember, space is limited, so to avoid disappointment, book early. Seats do fill quickly and quotas tend to fill early in the season due to high catch rates in recent years.

The north coast (Astoria) halibut fishery is typically open seven days a week until the quota is met. The central coast (Newport) halibut season is a bit more restricted.

Additional fishing days are sometimes added if anglers don't reach the spring quota.

Potential open dates for the 2006 season will be announced on the National Marine Fisheries Service hotline (1-800-662-9825) and posted on the ODFW Marine Resources Program Web site at: <http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/odfw> Typically in March or April.

This should be another fantastic year for halibut in both Oregon and Washington.

Prices for 12 hour halibut trips range from \$165.00 to \$185.00 per person, depending on port. A 50% deposit is required to reserve seats, which includes a \$15.00 service fee.

Halibut trips into Canadian waters for larger, 60 to 100 pound fish, are also available out of Neah Bay, Washington. Bag limit in Canadian waters is two Pacific Halibut per person. Anglers can now purchase their licenses/tag online.

All halibut trips depart from Neah Bay marina and are available in May, June, and July. Daily departure time is 5:45 AM sharp. Check in aboard the Advantage at 5:15 AM or the evening before.

**U.S. Trips:** There is a 1 fish limit plus bottomfishing after the halibut limit is reached. License is required and is available on the boat. Cost - \$165.00 to \$185.00.

**Canadian Trips:** 2 fish limit - Canadian license required. Passenger is responsible for obtaining a Canadian license issued in Canada, and online, and dated for scheduled fishing date. Cost - \$175.00 to \$185.00.

**Fishing Licenses:**

Washington State Licenses: [www.greatlodge.com](http://www.greatlodge.com)

Canadian Licenses: [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/)

All equipment is provided on all trips. You will need to bring something to eat and drink (coffee is available on most boats). Fishing licenses are available at the charter office.

**To reserve your seats please call our office at 503-720-9033. We accept Visa and Master Card. You can also pay your deposit online at our secure PayPal site.**

After we receive your deposit we will send you a confirmation by e-mail that will contain; all contact information for the charter along with a map and driving directions from your location to the boat, meeting time and name of the boat.

Information on nearby lodging and fish processing can also be provided by request.

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