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PERSONAL-USE FISHERIES—HALIBUT AND BOTTOMFISH

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WAC 220-314-010 Bottomfish and halibut—Closed areas. (1) It is unlawful to take, fish for, retain, or possess bottomfish or halibut taken for personal use from within the following areas:

(a) An eastward-facing C-shaped closed area defined as: Beginning at 48°N, 124°59'W; thence to 48°N, 125°18'W; thence to 48°18'N, 125°18'W; thence to 48°18'N, 124°59'W; thence to 48°11'N, 124°59'W; thence to 48°11'N, 125°11'W; thence to 48°04'N, 125°11'W; thence to 48°04'N, 124°59'W; thence to the point of origin.

(b) The "Westport Offshore Recreational YRCA" closed area, defined by straight lines connecting the following specific latitude and longitude coordinates in the order listed: Beginning at 46°54.30'N, 124°53.40'W; thence to 46°54.30'N, 124°51.00'W; thence to 46°53.30'N, 124°51.00'W; thence to 46°53.30'N, 124°53.40'W; thence to the point of origin.

(c) The "South Coast Recreational YRCA" closed area, defined by straight lines connecting the following specific latitude and longitude coordinates in the order listed: Beginning at 46°58.00'N, 124°48.00'W; thence to 46°55.00'N, 124°48.00'W; thence to 46°55.00'N, 124°49.00'W; thence to 46°58.00'N, 124°49.00'W; thence to the point of origin.

(2) In Marine Area 4 east of the westernmost point of Cape Flattery and Marine Area 5 through 13, it is unlawful to take, fish for, retain, or possess bottomfish taken for personal use except from within the following areas:

(a) In Marine Area 4 east of the westernmost point of Cape Flattery, Marine Area 5, and Marine Area 6 west of the easternmost point of Dungeness Spit: Waters inside of an area approximating 120 feet (20 fathoms) described by following the coordinates: 124°44.20'W, 48°23.90'N; 124°40.00'W, 48°24.10'N; 124°36.46'W, 48°23.61'N; 124°21.24'W, 48°17.71'N; 124°14.43'W, 48°15.96'N; 124°02.02'W, 48°11.91'N; 123°34.51'W, 48°09.93'N; 123°31.13'W, 48°11.02'N; 123°24.13'W, 48°08.53'N; 123°06.02'W, 48°11.45'N; 123°06.02'W, 48°08.22'N.

(b) In the remaining portion of Marine Area 6, and Marine Areas 7 through 11 and 13: Waters shallower than 120 feet (20 fathoms).

(c) In Marine Area 12 north of a true east line from the mouth of Turner Creek to the Toandos Peninsula: Waters shallower than 120 feet (20 fathoms).

(3) It is unlawful to take, fish for, retain, or possess rockfish taken for personal use from Marine Areas 6 through 13.

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WAC 220-314-020 Possession limits—Bottomfish. It is unlawful for any person to fish for or take bottomfish for personal use except within the seasons, daily quantities and possession limits prescribed as follows:

(1) Coastal areas (Catch Record Card Areas 1 through 3 and 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line):

(a) Bottomfish fishing is open the second Saturday in March through the third Saturday in October, except fishing for surfperch from the shore is allowed year-round.

(b) Limit of surfperch is 12 per person per day. For all other bottomfish, limit is 9 fish total per person per day, which may include no more than:

(i) Lingcod: 2 fish, no minimum length.

(ii) Rockfish: 7 fish in aggregate. The possession limit for yelloweye rockfish is 0.

(iii) Wolf-eel: 0 fish from Catch Record Card Area 4.

(iv) Cabezon: Marine Areas 1 through 4: 1 fish, no minimum size.

(c) Additional flatfish: In addition to the bottomfish limit in (b) of this subsection, anglers may take 3 flatfish per person, per day, not to be counted towards the bottomfish limit but in addition to it.

(2) Inner Puget Sound (Catch Record Card Areas 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, and 5 through 13):

(a) Catch Record Card Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line: Limit 10 fish total, which may include no more than:

(i) Lingcod: 2 fish, minimum length of 22 inches.

(ii) Rockfish: 6 fish. Only black or blue rockfish may be retained.

(iii) Wolf-eel: 0 fish.

(iv) Cabezon: 1 fish; the minimum size limit is 18 inches.

(b) Catch Record Card Areas 5 and 6: 15 fish total for all species and species groups of bottomfish, which may include no more than:

Rockfish in Marine Area 5 except	1 fish May 1 through September 30. Only black or blue rockfish may be retained.
in Marine Area 5 west of Slip Point	3 fish. Only black or blue rockfish may be retained.
in Marine Area 6.	0 fish
Surfperch	10 fish
Pacific cod	2 fish
Pollock	2 fish
Flatfish (except halibut)	15 fish
Lingcod	1 fish
Wolf-eel	0 fish
Cabezon	1 fish

Pacific hake 2 fish

(c) Catch Record Card Area 7: 15 fish total for all species of bottomfish, which may include no more than:

Rockfish	0 fish
Surfperch	10 fish
Pacific cod	2 fish
Flatfish (except halibut)	15 fish
Lingcod	1 fish
Wolf-eel	0 fish
Cabezon	1 fish
Pollock	2 fish
Pacific hake	2 fish

(d) Catch Record Card Areas 8-1 through 11 and 13: 15 fish total for all species and species groups of bottomfish, which may include no more than:

Rockfish	0 fish
Surfperch	10 fish
Pacific cod	0 fish
Pollock	0 fish
Flatfish (except halibut)	15 fish
Lingcod	1 fish
Wolf-eel	0 fish
Cabezon	1 fish
Pacific hake	0 fish

(e) Catch Record Card Area 12: 15 fish total for all species and species groups of bottomfish, which may include no more than:

Rockfish	0 fish
Surfperch	0 fish
Pacific cod	0 fish
Pollock	0 fish
Flatfish (except halibut)	15 fish
Lingcod	0 fish
Wolf-eel	0 fish
Cabezon	0 fish
Pacific hake	0 fish

(f) The possession limit for lingcod taken by angling gear is 26 to 36 inches in length. For spear fishing, lingcod may not be possessed that exceed 36 inches in length.

(g) In Marine Areas 5 through 11 and 13, the minimum size limit for cabezon is 18 inches. All cabezon must be released in Catch Record Card Areas 5 through 11 and 13 from December 1 through April 30.

(h) In Catch Record Card Area 5, the daily limit for rockfish is the first legal rockfish caught, except that west of Slip Point, the daily limit for rockfish is the first three legal rockfish caught. Only black or blue rockfish may be retained. After the daily limit of rockfish is caught, all subsequent rockfish must be released.

(i) In Catch Record Card Area 5, it is unlawful to take rockfish by spear fishing except when this area is open to spear fishing for lingcod.

(3) The possession limit at any time may not exceed the equivalent of two daily limits in fresh, frozen or processed form.

(4) Unless otherwise provided, bottomfish fishing is open the entire year.

(5) Daily limits include bottomfish caught in adjacent areas bordering other states, such as Oregon.

(6) It is unlawful to fish for, retain, or possess sixgill, sevengill, or thresher sharks.

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220-56-235, filed 2/28/90, effective 3/31/90; WSR 89-07-060 (Order 89-12), § 220-56-235, filed 3/16/89; WSR 88-10-013 (Order 88-15), § 220-56-235, filed 4/26/88; WSR 85-09-017 (Order 85-20), § 220-56-235, filed 4/9/85; WSR 84-09-026 (Order 84-22), § 220-56-235, filed 4/11/84; WSR 83-07-043 (Order 83-16), § 220-56-235, filed 3/17/83; WSR 80-07-017 (Order 80-45), § 220-56-235, filed 6/11/80; WSR 80-03-064 (Order 80-12), § 220-56-235, filed 2/27/80, effective 4/1/80.]

WAC 220-314-030 Halibut—Seasons—Daily and possession limits.

(1) It is unlawful to fish for or possess halibut taken for personal use except from the areas or in excess of the amounts provided for in this section:

(a) Catch Record Card Area 1: Closed except as provided by emergency rule. By-catch restriction: It is unlawful during any vessel trip to bring into port or land bottomfish, except flatfish, sablefish, Pacific cod, and lingcod north of the Washington-Oregon border if the vessel has brought halibut into port or landed halibut.

(b) Catch Record Card Area 2:

(i) The northern near shore fishery takes place in those waters from 47°31.70'N. lat. south to 46°58.00'N. lat. and east of a boundary line approximating the 30 fathom depth contour as defined by the following coordinates:

47°31.70'N. lat., 124°37.03'W. long.
47°25.67'N. lat., 124°34.79'W. long.
47°12.82'N. lat., 124°29.12'W. long.
46°58.00'N. lat., 124°24.24'W. long.

Closed except as provided by emergency rule.

(ii) All other waters in Area 2 - Closed except as provided by emergency rule.

(iii) From the second Saturday in March through May 31, it is unlawful to fish for or possess lingcod, seaward of line approximating the 30-fathom depth contour as defined by the coordinates below. However, a person may fish for and retain lingcod on days open during the primary halibut season as described in (b)(ii) of this subsection, seaward of a line approximating the 30-fathom depth contour as defined by the coordinates below:

47°31.70'N. lat., 124°37.03'W. long.
47°25.67'N. lat., 124°34.79'W. long.
47°12.82'N. lat., 124°29.12'W. long.
46°52.94'N. lat., 124°22.58'W. long.
46°44.18'N. lat., 124°18.00'W. long.
46°38.17'N. lat., 124°15.88'W. long.

(c) Catch Record Card Areas 3 and 4 west of Bonilla-Tatoosh line - Closed except as provided by emergency rule. The following area southwest of Cape Flattery is closed to halibut fishing at all times:

Those waters within an eastward-facing C-shaped closed area defined as: Beginning at 48°18'N. lat., 125°18'W. long.; thence to 48°18'N. lat., 124°59'W. long.; thence to 48°11'N. lat., 124°59'W. long.; thence to 48°11'N. lat., 125°11'W. long.; thence to 48°04'N. lat., 125°11'W. long.; thence to 48°04'N. lat., 124°59'W. long.; thence to 48°00'N. lat., 124°59'W. long.; thence to 48°00'N. lat., 125°18'W. long.; thence to the point of origin.

It is unlawful to fish for or possess bottomfish seaward of a line approximating the 20-fathom depth contour as defined by the following coordinates, from June 1 through Labor Day except, on days and times open to halibut fishing, it is permissible to retain lingcod, sablefish, and Pacific cod. The retention of yellowtail rockfish and widow rockfish is permitted seaward of the line approximating 20 fathoms on days open to the recreational salmon fishery during the months of July and August:

- 48°23.9'N. lat., 124°44.2'W. long.
- 48°23.6'N. lat., 124°44.9'W. long.
- 48°18.6'N. lat., 124°43.6'W. long.
- 48°18.6'N. lat., 124°48.2'W. long.
- 48°10.0'N. lat., 124°48.8'W. long.
- 48°02.4'N. lat., 124°49.3'W. long.
- 47°37.6'N. lat., 124°34.3'W. long.
- 47°31.7'N. lat., 124°32.4'W. long.

(d) Catch Record Card Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line, closed except as provided by emergency rule. It is unlawful to fish for or possess bottomfish seaward of a line approximating 120 feet except, on days open to the Pacific halibut fishery in this area, it is permissible to retain lingcod, and Pacific cod seaward of 120 feet as defined by WAC 220-314-010.

(e) Catch Record Card Areas 5 through 13 - On days that the halibut fishery is open, it is lawful to fish for, retain, and possess lingcod and Pacific cod seaward of 120 feet in Catch Record Card Area 5. Closed except as provided by emergency rule.

(2) Daily limit is one halibut taken from state or offshore waters. This does not include Canadian waters; see WAC 220-310-210 for limits on Canadian-origin halibut.

(3) The possession limit is two daily limits of halibut in any form, except the possession limit aboard the fishing vessel is one daily limit. See WAC 220-310-210 for rules on Canadian-origin halibut possession.

(4) The annual limit is four halibut taken from state or offshore waters. This does not include Canadian waters; see WAC 220-310-210 for limits on Canadian-origin halibut.

(5) It is unlawful to fish for, retain, possess, or land halibut into a port located within an area that is closed to halibut fishing. This does not include halibut caught in Canadian waters. See WAC 220-310-210 for rules on Canadian-origin halibut possession.

(6) A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.370 or 77.15.380, depending on the violation.

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77.12.047. WSR 09-14-010 (Order 09-107), § 220-56-255, filed 6/22/09, effective 7/23/09; WSR 07-21-068, § 220-56-255, filed 10/15/07, effective 11/15/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 06-17-057 (Order 06-199), § 220-56-255, filed 8/10/06, effective 9/10/06; WSR 05-14-035 (Order 05-130), § 220-56-255, filed 6/24/05, effective 7/25/05; WSR 03-05-057 (Order 03-24), § 220-56-255, filed 2/14/03, effective 5/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080 and 77.12.040. WSR 99-15-081 (Order 99-102), § 220-56-255, filed 7/20/99, effective 8/20/99; WSR 99-08-029 (Order 99-13), § 220-56-255, filed 3/30/99, effective 5/1/99; WSR 98-06-031, § 220-56-255, filed 2/26/98, effective 5/1/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080. WSR 97-07-078 (Order 97-53), § 220-56-255, filed 3/19/97, effective 5/1/97; WSR 95-12-027 (Order 95-46), § 220-56-255, filed 5/31/95, effective 7/1/95; WSR 94-14-069, § 220-56-255, filed 7/1/94, effective 8/1/94; WSR 93-15-011, § 220-56-255, filed 7/8/93, effective 8/8/93; WSR 93-08-034 (Order 93-20), § 220-56-255, filed 3/31/93, effective 5/1/93; WSR 89-07-060 (Order 89-12), § 220-56-255, filed 3/16/89; WSR 88-10-013 (Order 88-15), § 220-56-255, filed 4/26/88; WSR 85-10-062 (Order 85-39), § 220-56-255, filed 5/1/85; WSR 80-03-064 (Order 80-12), § 220-56-255, filed 2/27/80, effective 4/1/80. Formerly WAC 220-56-071.]

WAC 220-314-040 Lingcod—Areas and seasons. It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess lingcod for personal use except during the following seasons and areas:

(1) Coastal area:

(a) Catch Record Card Areas 1 through 3 and 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line: From the second Saturday in March, through the third Saturday in October; and

(b) Catch Record Card Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line: April 16 through October 15.

(c) It is unlawful to fish for, retain, or possess lingcod in Catch Record Card Area 1 seaward of a line extending from 46°38.17'N. lat., 124°21.00'W. long. to 46°33.00'N. lat., 124°21.00'W. long. when lingcod is open.

(d) It is unlawful to fish for, retain, or possess lingcod in Catch Record Card Area 2 seaward of a line extending from 47°31.70'N. lat., 124°45.00'W. long. south to 46°38.17'N. lat., 124°30.00'W. long. when lingcod is open, except that lingcod may be taken, retained and possessed seaward of the line on days open during the primary halibut season and from June 1 through June 15 and September 1 through September 15.

(2) Catch Record Card Areas 5 through 13: May 1 through June 15 by angling, and May 21 through June 15 by spear fishing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, 77.12.047 and C.F.R. Title 50, Part 660. WSR 19-16-001 (Order 19-150), § 220-314-040, filed 7/24/19, effective 8/24/19; WSR 17-17-045, § 220-314-040, filed 8/10/17, effective 9/10/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-314-040, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, 77.12.047, and C.F.R. Title 50, Part 660. WSR 12-08-033 (Order 12-28), § 220-56-250, filed 3/29/12, effective 4/29/12; WSR 11-15-002 (Order 11-141), § 220-56-250, filed 7/6/11, effective 8/6/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020 and 77.12.047. WSR 09-14-010 (Order 09-107), § 220-56-250,

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WAC 220-314-050 Charter logbook required—Highly migratory species. (1) It is unlawful for any vessel operator engaged in charter fishing for highly migratory species (HMS) in those areas as defined in Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Title 50, Part 660, Subpart K, to fail to:

(a) Possess an HMS logbook aboard the vessel while the vessel is engaged in HMS fishing or has HMS species on board;

(b) Submit the HMS logbook for inspection upon request by fish and wildlife officers.

(2) It is unlawful for any vessel operator engaged in charter fishing for HMS to fail to comply with the following methods and time frames of logbook submittal:

(a) Completed HMS log books must be submitted to the department or the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, Southwest Fisheries Science Center.

(b) Completed HMS log book sheets must be signed and submitted within thirty days following any calendar month in which fishing activity occurred.

(c) Copies of all submitted HMS logbooks must be retained for up to three years after the fishing activity ended.

(3) It is unlawful for vessel operators engaged in charter fishing for or in possession of highly migratory species (HMS) to fail to permanently and legibly record in ink the following information within the following time constraints:

(a) For each logbook sheet, the operator shall record:

(i) The vessel operators name;

(ii) Vessel name;

(iii) Year;

(iv) Port; and

(v) HMS permit number.

(b) The vessel operator shall record within twenty-four hours after the completion of each charter trip the following information:

(i) Departure and return month and day;

(ii) General latitude and longitude fished;

(iii) Number of anglers;

(iv) Number of jig lines, number of bait poles;

(v) Number of albacore retained and released, including average weight in pounds; and

(vi) Number of other fish species retained or released.

(4) For the purposes of this section, HMS logbook means a charter logbook issued by the Washington department of wildlife available upon request from the following locations:

(a) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98501

(b) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano, WA 98563

(5) Violation of each subsection of this section is punishable as a separate infraction, under RCW 77.15.160.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-18-037 (Order 17-223), § 220-314-050, filed 8/29/17, effective 9/29/17.]