

**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.

[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), § 220-314-030, filed 7/24/19, effective 8/24/19; WSR 18-23-070 (Order 18-302), § 220-314-030, filed 11/16/18, effective 12/17/18; WSR 17-17-045, § 220-314-030, 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), amended and recodified as § 220-314-030, 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), § 220-56-255, filed 3/29/12, effective 4/29/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047. and C.F.R. Title 50, Part 300. WSR 10-17-003 (Order 10-199), § 220-56-255, filed 8/4/10, effective 9/4/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020 and 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.]