



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## 2023 SEASONAL REGULATION

### Quinault Groundfish Regulation - 01 March 3, 2023

**Opening Date:** The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the harvest of groundfish by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 12:01pm on Friday, March 10, 2023. No fishing gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date and time stated above.

***This regulation does not apply to the harvest of sablefish and halibut, which are subject to separate regulations.***

**Closing Date:** The Quinault Indian Nation's groundfish fishery closes December 31, 2023.

#### Landing Restrictions and Harvest Guidelines:

**Trip Limit\* Amounts by Species or Species Group in Pounds of Fish**

- Canary Rockfish:** 300 pounds per trip
- Yelloweye Rockfish:** 100 pounds per trip
- Lingcod:** 10,000 pounds per trip; min. size limit is 22 inches total length
- Widow Rockfish:** 300 pounds per trip
- Yellowtail Rockfish:** 300 pounds per trip
- Black Rockfish:** A cumulative season harvest guideline of 10,000 pounds is established for Black Rockfish in the area south of Destruction Island.  
(Note: The annual limit for all treaty fishery landings of Black Rockfish within QIN U&A is 10,000 pounds)
- Minor Shelf Rockfish\*\*:** 300 pounds per trip
- Minor Nearshore Rockfish:** 300 pounds per trip

Cumulative Trip Limit* Amounts by Species and Time Period, in Pounds of Fish			
Species or Species Group	Jan-Apr	May-Oct	Nov-Dec
<b>Pacific Ocean Perch</b>	100/mo	100/mo	100/mo
<b>Long Spined Thornyheads</b>	10,000/2 mo	10,000/2 mo	10,000/2 mo
<b>Short Spined Thornyheads</b>	2,000/2 mo	2,000/2 mo	2,500/2 mo
<b>Minor Slope and Darkblotch Rockfish</b>	8,000/2 mo	8,000/2 mo	8,000/2 mo
<b>Arrowtooth Flounder and Other Flatfish</b>	10,000/mo	10,000/mo	10,000/mo

**Notes:**

\*Federal Register definitions:

"Trip Limit" is the total allowable amount of a groundfish species or species group, by weight, or by percentage of weight of legal fish on board, that may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed per vessel from a single fishing trip

"Cumulative Trip Limit" is the maximum amount that may be taken and retained, possessed or landed per vessel in the specified period of time without a limit on the number of landings or trips, unless otherwise specified.

\*\* Minor Shelf Rockfish in QIN U&A include Bocaccio and Chilipepper. Cowcod rockfish are not to be retained.

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**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 due westward from shore no more than 30 nautical miles at any latitude.

**Gear:** Groundfish may be harvested with hook and line gear only. Further gear restrictions apply to the use of snap gear only during openings of commercial "B" blackcod fisheries. Targeted harvest with pots, traps, trawls, nets, or any method other than with hook and line gear is hereby prohibited until further notice.

**OFFLOADING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** It is a violation to offload any ocean groundfish 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 crossing east of the Grays Harbor bar** with ocean groundfish.
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:** All catch including ceremonial and subsistence must be properly identified and reported on electronic fish receiving tickets. Groundfish shall be sold only to Quinault authorized commercial fish buyers. Groundfish retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets as ceremonial and subsistence harvest.

**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 while participating in the treaty Indian off-reservation ocean fisheries or delivering fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2023 Quinault ocean fishery.

**Other:** All fishing by members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be in accordance with all applicable Quinault tribal laws and regulations. Fishing activities and harvest of groundfish by members of the Quinault Indian Nation pursuant to this regulation shall also be conducted in accordance with all duly enacted regulations of the Secretary of Commerce governing the harvest of groundfish which are not inconsistent with tribal law and regulations and such federal regulations are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Special Note: Trip limits, monthly harvest limits, and other management measures may be adopted during the season to achieve tribal harvest management objectives. Fishers are advised to check for in-season modifications of these regulations.

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