



Quinault Indian Nation

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2024 SEASONAL REGULATION Halibut Ceremonial and Subsistence Regulation-01 March 6, 2024

Opening Date: The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of halibut by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 06:00 AM on Friday, March 15, 2024. No fishing gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date and time stated above.

Closing Date: The Quinault Nation's ceremonial and subsistence halibut fishery shall close at noon (12:00pm) on December 31, 2024.

Area: The area open for fishing to all tribal members shall be limited to all Pacific Ocean waters between Point Chehalis (46°53'18" N Lat.) and Destruction Island (47°40'06" N. Lat.), and west to 30 nautical miles offshore.

Size Limit: There is no minimum size limit for ceremonial and subsistence halibut. Filleting is not allowed until all catch is properly landed and reported per this regulation.

Bag Limit Unless specified in a separate regulation, authorized tribal vessels may hold and land up to four halibut per calendar fishing day for subsistence purposes.

Marking and Landing of C&S Harvest The tail of C&S fish shall be clearly marked on board by cutting the tail in half to eliminate the commercial marketability of the marked fish. Catch held as C&S may not be sold or otherwise "converted" to commercial catch, through transfer to another person or vessel or by any other means. All C&S fish shall be declared to the tribe at the first opportunity and shall be fully reported.

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 with hook and line gear is hereby prohibited. The use of streamer lines to prevent sea bird by catch is required for all vessels.

Catch Reporting and Sale: All halibut harvested by Quinault fishers, including those retained for ceremonial and subsistence use shall be reported on Quinault electronic fish receiving tickets within no more than 12 hours of landing. Halibut retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on fish receiving tickets as ceremonial or 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.

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Fisher Licenses and Identification: Quinault tribal members who participate in the treaty Indian off reservation ocean fisheries, or land or deliver fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2024 Quinault ocean fishery.

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