



POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL

Port Gamble S'Klallam * Jamestown S'Klallam

Fishery Services Program

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POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL IN-COMMON HALIBUT REGULATIONS #F23-002 MODIFIED

The following regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by its member Tribes. These regulations shall govern the commercial harvest of halibut from March 10, 2023 through December 7, 2023, unless specifically modified.

Provisions governing the harvest of other bottomfish remain in effect under separate PNPTC regulations.

I. AREAS

Catch reporting areas under these regulations shall be those used for bottomfish catch reporting. For the Jamestown and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes these areas are: Areas 20B, 22A, 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 27A, 27B and 29.

II. FISHERIES

1. Season

March 10 to December 7, 2023.

2. Days and Times

a) Unrestricted Fishery (20 hours): Opened by in-season emergency regulation(s) on or after 12:00 noon Friday, March 10, 2023 with no poundage limit.

b) Converted Unrestricted Hours (49 hours): Opened by in-season emergency regulation(s) on or after 12:00 noon Friday, March 10, 2023. Openings shall be conducted with a 500 lbs daily landing limit.

c) Restricted Fishery (122 hours): Opened by in-season emergency regulation(s) on or after 12:00 noon Friday, March 10, 2023. Openings shall be conducted with a 500 lbs daily landing limit.

d) Mop-up Fishery: Opened by in-season emergency regulation(s).

3. Size Limits

All commercial halibut measuring less than 32 inches (head and tail on) must be returned to the water unharmed.

4. Lawful Gear

Lawful gear under these regulations shall consist of:

- a) Set lines: Maximum 500 hooks/skate, maximum 3,000 hooks/vessel.
- b) Bottomfish troll gear: Maximum 12 hooks/line; maximum 4 lines/vessel.
- c) Hand lines/jigs: Maximum 2 hooks/line; maximum 2 lines/fisherman.
- d) Power jigs: Maximum 2 hooks/line; maximum 8 lines/vessel.

5. Licensing, Landings, and Catch Reporting

- a) Fishers must at all times comply with licensing and vessel registration requirements under the Tribal Fishing Ordinances.
- b) Halibut taken incidentally in other commercial fisheries may be sold within the restrictions imposed by this regulation and associated in-season halibut regulations.
- c) All halibut sales must be recorded on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets.
- d) All landings must be completed within 12 hours of the end of an open period.
- e) All catches must be recorded and reported to either the Jamestown or Port Gamble Fisheries office within 24 hours of landing.
- f) All halibut sales must be made by the owner/operator of each fishing vessel using the Treaty Indian Fishing Card.
- g) All halibut must be landed with heads on.
- h) All fishers who use set-line gear must maintain a log book, provided by their Tribal Fisheries Office. Log books must be returned to the originating Fisheries Office at the end of the fishery.

6. Subsistence Catch and Commercial Bycatch in the Commercial Halibut Fishery

During a Treaty commercial halibut opening a vessel may hold and land up to four (4) halibut per day for subsistence purposes; the tail of subsistence halibut shall be clearly marked on board using a technique designed to eliminate commercial marketability.

Rockfish: all rockfish must be retained and recorded on commercial fish tickets as take-home and can only be used for subsistence or ceremonial purposes. No commercial sale of rockfish species caught in the commercial halibut fishery.

Pacific Cod: Areas 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23C, 23D, and 29 no limit on Pacific Cod; Areas 20B, 22A, 23A (east of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, and 26A a daily limit of 100 pounds of Pacific Cod per day may be retained and commercially sold; Areas 27A and 27B no commercial retention of Pacific Cod;

Lingcod: Area 29 Lingcod may be retained and commercially sold; Area 23C a daily limit of 300 pounds of lingcod may be retained and commercially sold; Areas 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light) and 23D a daily limit of 150 lbs of Lingcod may be retained and commercially sold; Areas 20B, 22A, 23A (east of a line 335o true from Dungeness Light), 23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, and 25E only the first six (6) legal sized lingcod landed (not including any subsistence catch) may be retained and commercially sold; Area specific commercial size limits for Lingcod apply (refer to PNPTC bottomfish regulations); Areas 27A and 27B no commercial retention of lingcod;

Other Bottomfish Species: Commercial retention and sale of other bottom fish species as authorized under PNPTC bottomfish regulations;

Bottomfish Subsistence: Refer to PNPTC Annual Bottomfish Regulations for subsistence limits on other bottomfish species caught during commercial openings.

7. Emergency Regulations

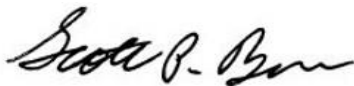
The above regulations may be modified at any time based on in-season management considerations. Fishers are notified here that closures may occur on short notice. Prior to fishing, fishers are advised to check with their Tribal Fisheries office, the PNPTC office, or the Internet at www.pnptc.org.

III. MODIFICATIONS

Bycatch limits and regulations were updated and clarifications were made to other content in this halibut regulation.

IV. AUTHORITY

These in-common regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by its member Tribes.



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