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Puget Sound (WA) Sport Fishery Closure

The sport halibut season for all waters of Puget Sound (east of Sekiu River) is closed for the remainder of 2010. The area east of Low Point closed on May 30, while the area west of Low point and east of the Sekiu River closed on June 19. The catch projection is 50,542 pounds for the area.

Washington North Coast Area Sport Fishery Closure

The preliminary catch for the Washington North Coast sport halibut fishery (Sekiu River, WA to Queets River, WA) through June 19 is 95,014 pounds, leaving 6,165 pounds to be harvested. However, this amount is not enough to permit further sport halibut fishing in this area. Therefore, the North Coast sport halibut fishery is closed for the remainder of 2010.

Washington South Coast Area Sport Fishery Closure and Update

The preliminary catch for the primary Washington South Coast sport halibut fishery (Queets River, WA to Leadbetter Point, WA) through May 23 is 31,808 pounds, leaving 2,079 pounds to be harvested. However, this amount is not enough to permit further sport halibut fishing in this area. Therefore, the South Coast primary sport halibut fishery is closed for the remainder of 2010.

The northern nearshore fishery in this area has a quota of 2,000 pounds and through June 20, a total of 1,473 pounds have been taken. This fishery remains open seven days a week until the quota is projected to be taken or September 30, whichever occurs earlier. Anglers are allowed one fish per day of any size.

Columbia River Area Sport Fishery Closure and Update

The preliminary catch for the Columbia River sport halibut fishery (Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR) through June 19 is 8,081 pounds. The early season quota is 9,405 pounds, which leaves 1,324 pounds remaining to be harvested. Therefore, sport halibut fishing in this area closed at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, June 26. Fishing will resume in the fall season, beginning on Friday, August 6, with a daily bag limit of one fish of any size. Any quota remaining unharvested following the June 26 closure will be added to the fall season quota of 4,031 pounds.

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Central Oregon Area Sport Fishery Closure and Update

The preliminary catch for the Central Oregon sport halibut fishery (Cape Falcon, OR to Humbug Mt., OR) through June 19 is 90,165 pounds, leaving 15,783 pounds available for harvest. The amount of the remaining quota is sufficient for another two days of fishing, Thursday and Friday, July 1 and 2. Therefore, fishing in this area will close following the July 1-2 fishery. Fishing will resume in the summer season beginning on Friday, August 6, with a daily bag limit of one fish of any size. Any quota remaining after the July 1-2 opening will be added to the summer season quota.

The nearshore (less than 40 fathom) fishery in this area has a quota of 12,284 pounds, and through June 20, a total of 6,015 pounds have been taken. This fishery remains open seven days a week until the quota is harvested or October 31, whichever occurs earlier. Anglers are allowed one fish per day of any size at this time.

Southern Oregon/California Sport Fishery Update

The sport halibut season for the Southern Oregon and California area (all waters south of Humbug Mt., OR) remains open for seven day a week through October 31. Anglers are allowed one fish per day of any size. The catch projection is 5,007 pounds for the area.

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