

News Release



2320 W. COMMODORE WAY, SUITE 300, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, 98199-1287

May 22, 2014

Washington North and South Coast Area Sport Fisheries Closing

The Washington North Coast primary sport halibut fishery in Marine Areas 3 (La Push) and 4 (Neah Bay) will close on Sunday, May 25 for the remainder of 2014. State fishery managers expect the recreational harvest in those areas to reach the 108,030-pound area quota by the end of the last day of fishing on May 24.

The preliminary catch for the Washington South Coast primary sport halibut fishery in Marine Area 2 (Westport-Ocean Shores) through May 13 was 24,019 pounds, leaving 16,720 pounds to be harvested. Fishery managers expect this remainder to have been harvested in the fishery scheduled for May 20. Therefore, the South Coast primary sport halibut fishery closed for the remainder of 2014 on Wednesday, May 21.

The nearshore fishery in Marine Area 2 has a quota of 2,000 pounds. Halibut fishing closed on Wednesday, May 21, for the remainder of 2014, as fishery managers expect the quota to be harvested.

In all marine areas open to halibut fishing, there is a one-fish daily catch limit and no minimum size restriction. Anglers may possess a maximum of two fish in any form and must record their catch on a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife catch record card.

- END -

Bruce M. Leaman
Executive Director
Phone: (206) 634-1838
Fax: (206) 632-2983
Web: www.iphc.int