

## *News Release*



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### **AREA 2A SPORT FISHERIES UPDATE**

#### **Columbia River All-Depth Sport Fishery Closing**

The preliminary catch for the Columbia River all-depth sport halibut fishery as of June 2, 2015 was estimated to be 8,920 pounds, leaving 834 pounds to be harvested (with OR catch numbers for the week of May 28-31 still to come). Insufficient quota remains for further openings. Therefore, the Columbia River all-depth sport halibut fishery is now closed. Any quota overage from the all-depth fishery will be applied to the Columbia River nearshore fishery.

#### **Other Area Updates**

As of May 31, no fish have been landed in the Columbia River nearshore incidental fishery (500 pounds of quota remain). This nearshore fishery remains open to halibut fishing Mondays through Wednesdays until further notice.

In the Washington South Coast (Marine Area 2) nearshore fishery, 769 pounds were landed during the 7-day period ending May 31, leaving 1,189 pounds to be harvested. This nearshore fishery remains open to halibut fishing seven days per week until further notice.

For more information on these areas please refer to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/erule.jsp?id=1587>.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/finfish/halibut/estimates/halcatch2015.asp>

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