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WASHINGTON COAST SPORT FISHERIES UPDATE

Washington South Coast Area Sport Fishery Closing

In the Marine Area 2 (Westport-Ocean Shores) northern nearshore fishery, 1,650 pounds were landed during the 7-day period ending May 15, leaving 57 pounds to be harvested. Insufficient quota remains for further openings. Therefore the Marine Area 2 nearshore fishery will close at the end of the day on Friday, May 20 for the remainder of the season.

Washington North Coast Area Sport Fishery to Reopen

The preliminary catch for the Washington North Coast primary sport halibut fishery in Marine Areas 3 (La Push) and 4 (Neah Bay) through May 14 was 71,618 pounds, leaving 36,412 pounds to be harvested. Fishery managers anticipate this will sustain one more day of fishing. After consultation with the sport industry, and taking into consideration the amount of pounds remaining, the Washington North Coast primary sport halibut fishery in Marine Areas 3 and 4 will reopen for one day on Saturday, May 28. State fishery managers will then review the catch and announce if sufficient quota remains for future openings.

For more information, refer to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/erule.jsp?id=1811>

In all marine areas open to halibut fishing, there is a one-fish daily catch limit and no minimum size restriction.

Due to the short notice nature of this notification, it is posted to our website only, and no paper copy has been mailed out.

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