

## *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 1, 2016 was estimated to be 10,052 pounds, leaving 457 pounds to be harvested (with OR catch numbers for the week of May 26-29 still to come). Insufficient quota remains for a full four days. Therefore, the Columbia River all-depth sport halibut fishery will close at the end of the day Friday, June 3. Any quota overage from the all-depth fishery will be applied to the Columbia River nearshore fishery, which remains open Mondays through Wednesdays until Sept. 30 or until the quota of 500 pounds is reached, whichever comes first.

#### **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 28 was 78,488 pounds, leaving 29,542 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, June 11. State fishery managers will then review the catch and announce if sufficient quota remains for future openings.

For more information on these areas please refer to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/halibut/>

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/finfish/halibut/index.asp>

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

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