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WASHINGTON NORTH COAST AND PUGET SOUND
FURTHER SPORT FISHERY SEASON EXTENSION

WDFW Marine Area 3 (La Push), Marine Area 4 (Neah Bay): 4 June 2017

The preliminary catch for the Washington North Coast primary sport Pacific halibut fishery in WDFW Marine Areas 3 (La Push) and 4 (Neah Bay) through 25 May 2017 was estimated to be 68,392 pounds, leaving 47,207 pounds to be harvested. Fishery managers anticipate this will sustain one more day of fishing, thus the Washington North Coast (WDFW Marine Areas 3 and 4) sport Pacific halibut fishery will reopen for one day on Sunday, 4 June 2017. This is in addition to the opener of 1 June 2017. State fishery managers will then review the catch and announce if sufficient quota remains for additional openings. The next potential fishing days would be Saturday, 10 June, and/or Saturday, 17 June.

WDFW Marine Areas 5-10 (Puget Sound): 4 June 2017

The preliminary catch estimate in WDFW Marine Areas 5-10 (Puget Sound) through 25 May 2017 was estimated to be 44,753 pounds, leaving 20,209 pounds to be harvested. Fishery managers anticipate this will sustain one more day of fishing, thus the Puget Sound (WDFW Marine Areas 5-10) sport Pacific halibut fishery will reopen for one day on Sunday, 4 June 2017. This is in addition to the opener of 1 June 2017. State fishery managers will then review the catch and announce if sufficient quota remains for additional openings. The next potential fishing days would be Saturday, 10 June, and/or Saturday, 17 June.

For more information on these updates please refer to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/erule.jsp?id=1981>

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

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