

Summer sport halibut season opens Aug. 3

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NEWPORT, Ore. — Pacific halibut is back on the list of abundant sport fishing opportunities this time of year along the Oregon coast.

* Sport halibut opens North of Cape Falcon Aug. 3 and will continue every Friday through Sunday until the catch limit is taken or Sept. 30.

* South of Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain (central Oregon) the all-depth fishery will be open every other Friday through Sunday (Aug. 3-5, 17-19, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 14-16, 28-30, Oct. 12-14 and 26-28) until the catch limit is reached. If there is at least 60,000 pounds quota left over after the Aug. 3-5 opening, managers may decide to open the all-depth fishery every Friday through Sunday. The nearshore fishery in the central Oregon area (shoreward of 40-fathoms) remains open seven days a week.

* South of Humbug Mountain fishing for halibut continues until Oct. 31.

Regulations from previous all-depth periods are still in effect. Anglers are advised to review the 2007 Oregon Sport Ocean Regulations for Salmon, Halibut and

Other Marine Fish Species booklet for closed areas and restrictions. General fishing regulations are found in the 2007 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations booklet.

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