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**2026-024 HALIBUT REGULATION**

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EFFECTIVE DATES	3/26/2026 to 12/7/2026
AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS	Hoh, Quinault, Quileute, Makah, PNPTC, Suquamish, Tulalip, Swinomish, Port Gamble, Lower Elwha, Jamestown, Nooksack, Skokomish, WDFW, NMFS
HARVEST AREAS	The Marine Areas of Northern Puget Sound from the Canadian Border south to the environs of Seattle, including Washington State Marine Fish and Shellfish Catch Reporting and Management Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A, 23B, 25A, 25B, 25D and 26AW, except those portions of 23A, 23B and 25A south and west of a line from Trial Island light (off Victoria, BC) to vessel traffic lane buoy "R" (between Hein Bank and Dungeness Spit) to the Point Wilson light. This regulation opens a portion of the Lummi Nation usual and accustomed fishing grounds and stations (U&A). It is not, and should not be taken as, a statement of the limits of Lummi's U&A
FISHERY TYPE	Commercial Halibut
ON/OFF RESERVATION	On/Off Reservation
LEGAL GEAR	Longline; hook and line; handline; troll
DAYS/HOURS	<u>Open:</u> 6:00 AM March 26, 2026 <u>Close:</u> December 7, 2026, or until further notice.  Daily landing limit of 5,000 lbs. All tribal halibut fisheries will close when 46.5% of the tribal allocation (245,613 lbs.) is reached. Fishers will be notified and an emergency rule will close the fishery. All gear must be removed from the water by closing time.
EXPECTED EFFORT	30 Vessels

## RESTRICTIONS

1. All landings must be recorded on a ticket whether sold or take home.
2. Fishers cannot land/sell more than 5,000 pounds per calendar day.
3. Limit of 4 take home halibut per boat per landing during commercial openings.
4. Take home fish must be marked by cutting a notch in each take home halibut's tail. Take home must be reported on the fish ticket.
5. A landing is when the fish ticket is written, and the product is sold.
6. All halibut must be landed with the head on.
7. All halibut on board must be off-loaded at a single offload or landing, except: where weather or breakdowns require transfer from one boat to another for the purpose of meeting a landing deadline, and the transfer has been reported to an approved by Lummi Enforcement Officer, and the catch has been clearly separated from the catch onboard the transport boat.
8. All landings must be recorded on Fish Tickets, and Fish Tickets should be faxed (360-380-6989) or delivered to Lummi Natural Resource Office by the end of the business day of the landing.
9. The following information must be recorded on the fish ticket: fisher ID number, ID Number of the vessel fished, date of landing, number and weight of the fish landed for fish sold or retained for subsistence use or reserved for sale according to applicable tribal regulations.
10. Longline: Each setline, which may contain more than one skate, shall be anchored at each end and marked by a surface buoy at each end. Each buoy shall be marked with the fishers' tribal fishing identification number in a clear and distinct manner easily readable from a distance of 15 feet.
11. Hook and line and handline: no more than two hooks.
12. Troll: no more than six fishing lines.
13. The Marine Fish and Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Area Commercial harvesters must have on board a standard IPHC Commercial Logbook or LNR-issued commercial halibut log sheets.
14. The logbook/sheets must be filled out by the time the fish are sold.
15. All by-catch must be recorded in the commercial logbook.
16. Logbooks/sheets must be turned in to LNR staff no later than 14 days after the last commercial halibut opening of the season.
17. Future halibut validations will not be issued if the required logbook information has not been given to the appropriate LNR staff.
18. Halibut minimum length is 32" total length.
19. Commercial harvesters must have a valid Lummi Treaty Indian Fishing Identification Card validated for Halibut in their possession.
20. Helpers in the commercial harvest must have a valid Lummi Treaty Indian Fishing Identification Card in their possession.
21. All provisions of Title 10 must be observed.
22. All incidental catches during the fishery which are legal under existing bottom fishing regulations may be sold.
23. All gear remaining in the water after the closure will be subject to confiscation and all associated halibut will be placed in the Lummi Fisheries and Natural Resources Commission ceremonial storage for distribution for community purposes.

## JUSTIFICATION

Harvestable surplus identified by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the 2A catch sharing plan and intertribal agreement.