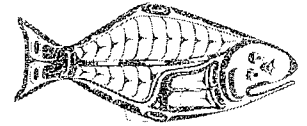


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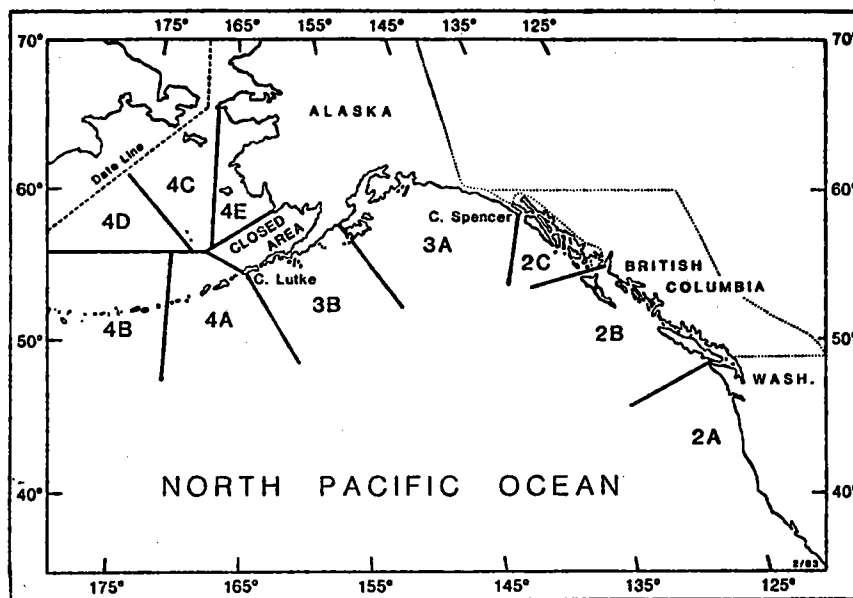
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COMMERCIAL HALIBUT REGULATIONS FOR 1984

The International Pacific Halibut Commission is recommending to the governments of Canada and the United States the following regulations for the halibut fishery for 1984. These regulations must be approved by both governments before they become effective.

This bulletin is intended for information purposes only and is not a substitute for the detailed regulation pamphlet which will be printed and distributed as soon as the regulations have been approved by both governments.

REGULATORY AREAS: The Commission recommended the same regulatory area boundaries as in the 1983 regulations, except that Area 4C will be divided into a new Area 4C and 4E as shown in the figure below:



CATCH LIMITS: The Commission recommended the following catch limits (in millions of pounds) for each regulatory area:

Reg. Area	Catch Limit	Reg. Area	Catch Limit	Reg. Area	Catch Limit
2A	0.3	3A	18.0	4A	1.2
2B	9.0	3B	7.0	4B	1.0
2C	5.7			4C	0.4
				4D	0.4
				4E	0.05

FISHING SEASONS: The Commission recommended commercial halibut fishing seasons consisting of a succession of open and closed periods as shown in the table below, or until the respective catch limits are taken. All fishing periods will open and close at 12 noon Pacific Standard Time.

2A	2B	2C	3A-3B*	4A-4B	4D
5/21 - 6/2	4/24 - 5/6	5/22 - 5/25	5/21 - 5/25	5/21 - 5/25	5/21 - 5/25
6/21 - 7/3	5/23 - 6/3	8/20 - 8/25	8/20 - 8/25	6/18 - 6/21	6/18 - 6/28
7/22 - 8/2	7/11 - 7/22	9/18 - 10/31	9/18 - 10/31	8/2 - 8/10	8/2 - 8/10
8/21 - 9/1	8/7 - 8/19			9/18 - 10/31	9/18 - 10/31
9/19 - 9/30					
4C			4E		
5/21 - 5/22	7/12 - 7/13	9/10 - 9/11	5/21 - 5/23	8/14 - 8/16	
5/23 - 5/24	7/14 - 7/15	9/12 - 9/13	5/24 - 5/26	8/17 - 8/19	
5/25 - 5/26	7/16 - 7/17	9/14 - 9/15	5/27 - 5/29	8/20 - 8/22	
5/27 - 5/28	7/18 - 7/19	9/16 - 9/17	5/30 - 6/1	8/23 - 8/25	
5/29 - 5/30	7/20 - 7/21	9/18 - 9/19	6/2 - 6/4	8/26 - 8/28	
5/31 - 6/1	7/22 - 7/23	9/20 - 9/21	6/5 - 6/7	8/29 - 8/31	
6/2 - 6/3	7/24 - 7/25	9/22 - 9/23	6/8 - 6/10	9/1 - 9/3	
6/4 - 6/5	7/26 - 7/27	9/24 - 9/25	6/11 - 6/13	9/4 - 9/6	
6/6 - 6/7	7/28 - 7/29	9/26 - 9/27	6/14 - 6/16	9/7 - 9/9	
6/8 - 6/9	7/30 - 7/31	9/28 - 9/29	6/17 - 6/19	9/10 - 9/12	
6/10 - 6/11	8/2 - 8/10	9/30 - 10/1	6/20 - 6/22	9/13 - 9/15	
6/12 - 6/13	8/11 - 8/12	10/2 - 10/3	6/23 - 6/25	9/16 - 9/18	
6/14 - 6/15	8/13 - 8/14	10/4 - 10/5	6/26 - 6/28	9/19 - 9/21	
6/16 - 6/17	8/15 - 8/16	10/6 - 10/7	6/29 - 7/1	9/22 - 9/24	
6/18 - 6/19	8/17 - 8/18	10/8 - 10/9	7/2 - 7/4	9/25 - 9/27	
6/20 - 6/21	8/19 - 8/20	10/10 - 10/11	7/5 - 7/7	9/28 - 9/30	
6/22 - 6/23	8/21 - 8/22	10/12 - 10/13	7/8 - 7/10	10/1 - 10/3	
6/24 - 6/25	8/23 - 8/24	10/14 - 10/15	7/11 - 7/13	10/4 - 10/6	
6/26 - 6/27	8/25 - 8/26	10/16 - 10/17	7/14 - 7/16	10/7 - 10/9	
6/28 - 6/29	8/27 - 8/28	10/18 - 10/19	7/17 - 7/19	10/10 - 10/12	
6/30 - 7/1	8/29 - 8/30	10/20 - 10/21	7/20 - 7/22	10/13 - 10/15	
7/2 - 7/3	8/31 - 9/1	10/22 - 10/23	7/23 - 7/25	10/16 - 10/18	
7/4 - 7/5	9/2 - 9/3	10/24 - 10/25	7/26 - 7/28	10/19 - 10/21	
7/6 - 7/7	9/4 - 9/5	10/26 - 10/27	7/29 - 7/31	10/22 - 10/24	
7/8 - 7/9	9/6 - 9/7	10/28 - 10/29	8/2 - 8/10	10/25 - 10/27	
7/10 - 7/11	9/8 - 9/9	10/30 - 10/31	8/11 - 8/13	10/28 - 10/30	

*Area 3B will close with Area 3A when the 3A quota is taken and reopen on the next scheduled opening.

CLEARANCES: The Commission recommended a system of clearances for vessels that fish in Area 4. Clearances are to be obtained at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, no more than 5 days prior to the opening date for the area to be fished, and no more than 5 days after the area has closed. Clearances will be available from fishery officers from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. only. In addition to clearances, vessels entering and leaving Area 4 will have their holds inspected as part of the clearance process. The clearance requirement will not apply to fishermen who are resident in Area 4 and who land all their catches in Area 4.

HALIBUT LICENSES: All vessels that fish for halibut for commercial purposes in 1984 must have a valid halibut license issued by the Halibut Commission in 1984. This provision also applies to charter vessels that carry sport fishermen for hire, and retain halibut as part of the sport catch. Halibut license applications will be available shortly from fishery officers and halibut processors, as well as from the Halibut Commission. Completed applications must be mailed to the Halibut Commission, and halibut licenses will be returned to the applicant by mail. There will be no charge for halibut licenses.

OTHER REGULATIONS: Other regulations, such as size limit, gear restrictions, and closed areas will be the same as in 1983.