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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 950106003-5070-02; I.D. 062195C]

Pacific Halibut Fisheries; North Washington Coast Sport Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Inseason action.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. This action is intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock in order to help sustain it at an adequate level in the northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0800, July 1, 1995, through 1800, July 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughran, 206-634-1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995). On behalf of the IPHC, this inseason action is published in the **Federal Register** to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform persons subject to the inseason action of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

Inseason Action

1995 Halibut Landing Report Number 6

North Washington Coast Sport Fishery Reopens for 1 Day

The north Washington coast (waters west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and south to the Queets River) sport halibut harvest that closed May 27, 1995, fell 11,020 lb (4.99 metric tons (mt)) short of the 71,410 lb (32.39 mt) catch limit. Private boat effort during the last week of fishing was less than expected, possibly because of the May 25 opening date for halibut fishing in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound (waters east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line). The average weight of halibut landed was also lower than anticipated. Therefore, this area will reopen for 1 day, Saturday July 1. The daily bag limit will be one halibut per person, with no size limit. If enough catch limit remains after July 1, an additional opening may be announced.

Dated: June 23, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[Docket No. 950106003-5070-02; I.D. 062195B]

Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Close Southern Oregon Sport Season

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Inseason action.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. This action is intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock in order to help sustain it at an adequate level in the northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11:59 p.m. June 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughran, 206-634-1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada

for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995). On behalf of the IPHC, this inseason action is published in the **Federal Register** to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform persons subject to the inseason action of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

Inseason Action

1995 Halibut Landing Report Number 5

Southern Oregon Sport Season to Close June 1

The preliminary catch estimate for the 1995 sport halibut fishery between the Florence North Jetty (Siuslaw River, 4°01'08" N. lat.) and the California border (42°00'00" N. lat.) indicates the 5,999 lb (2.72 metric tons (mt)) catch limit for the early fishery will be reached on June 1. Therefore, the sport halibut fishery in this area will close at 11:59 p.m. on June 1. Additional effort due to excellent weather significantly increased the harvest during May 25 through 27, 1995, allowing only a short notice before the closure.

Sport fishing for Pacific halibut will reopen on June 2, 7 days a week, only in the area inside the 30-fathom curve nearest to the coastline as plotted on National Ocean Service charts numbered 18520, 18580, and 18600 from the Florence North Jetty (Siuslaw River) to the California border. The fishery will close August 2 or when 1,500 lb (.68 mt) are estimated to have been taken, whichever occurs first. Any poundage remaining unharvested after the earlier season will be added to this season. The daily bag limit remains two Pacific halibut per person, one with a minimum overall size limit of 32 inches (81.3 cm) and the second with a minimum overall size limit of 50 inches (127.0 cm).

Dated: June 22, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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