

## Quileute Natural Resources

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Fishery: **Unrestricted Commercial Fishery** 

**Target Species:** Pacific Halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*)

**Management Period:** March 15, 2024, through December 7, 2024

**Management Area:** Cape Alava 48° 10'00" North Latitude

Queets River 47°31'42" North Latitude

Season: 24-hour opener:

> Opens: 07/16/2024 @ 9:00 am Closes: 07/17/2024 @ 9:00 am

Allocation: 171,584

**Legal Gear:** Longline Gear, Hook and Line

Size Limit: 32 inches (Head On).

**Eligible Vessels:** All Quileute registered vessels with a current US Coast Guard Dockside Safety

Inspection

Inspections: All vessels are subject to hold inspections-See #10 below.

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- 1) Refer to the following Quileute Regulations for interaction with additional fisheries:
  - a. 2024 Quileute Groundfish Regulation
  - b. 2024 Quileute Sablefish "B" Fishery Regulation
  - c. 2024 Quileute Sablefish "A" and "C" Fishery Regulation
  - d. 2024 Quileute Restricted Commercial Halibut Fishery Regulation
  - e. 2024 Quileute Ceremonial Halibut Fishery Regulation
  - 2024 Quileute Subsistence Halibut Fishery Regulation
- 2) All Halibut must be landed with HEAD-ON and DRESSED (gills and entrails removed).
- 3) Federal regulations require all participating vessels to maintain accurate logbooks of halibut fishing operations. Skippers will provide detailed logbook information to Quileute Natural Resources (QNR) staff. Additionally, the skipper is responsible for logging the corresponding fish ticket number on the logbook each offload.
- 4) No person shall possess halibut taken with any gear other than hook and line gear.
- 5) Must retain all rockfish, sole, and skate species caught while fishing.

- 6) No person shall possess halibut while on board a vessel carrying any trawl nets or fishing pots capable of catching Pacific Halibut.
- 7) Fishers conducting a Ceremonial fishery must receive and properly fill out a fish ticket prior to landing. Tickets will be made available by QNR staff upon request. Ceremonial catch is limited to 1,000 pounds per vessel per day and these fish are NOT to be sold commercially.
- 8) A vessel may take and retain not more than hold and land up to four halibut per boat per day for subsistence purposes during a treaty commercial halibut opening. Subsistence catch must be marked as such by notching the tail. Subsistence fish can NOT be sold commercially.
- 9) Halibut landings must be within 24 hours of the close of the fishery.
- 10) 24 hours prior to an opener the holds of all vessels participating in the treaty halibut fishery shall be inspected and certified by the Quileute tribe's enforcement authorities to verify that no halibut has been improperly taken or stored. Quileute Fish and Wildlife Enforcement can be reached at 360-640-1124.

**NOTE:** This regulation supersedes all other previous postings. All vessels participating in this fishery must always monitor VHF Channel 16 while away from the port.

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Policy Representative

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