

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: F26-004

DATE ADOPTED: MARCH 23, 2026

REGULATION(S) F26-003 SECTION II,2, (B) MODIFIED
SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED: F26-003

CATCH AREAS: AS PER ANNUAL HALIBUT REGULATION
F26-003

FISHERY TYPE: UNRESTRICTED COMMERCIAL HALIBUT

SPECIES: PACIFIC HALIBUT

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF
LEGAL GEAR: SET LINES HANDLINES, BOTTOMFISH
TROLL, JIGS, AS PER ANNUAL
HALIBUT REGULATION F26-003

3,000 HOOKS PER VESSEL 500 HOOKS PER
SKATE. AS PER ANNUAL HALIBUT
REGULATION F26-003.

EFFECTIVE DATES: MARCH 26TH, 2026 TO DECEMBER 7TH 2026
OR UNTIL 46.5% OF THE TAC HAS BEEN
OBTAINED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

DAYS/HOURS: OPEN 06:00 AM THURSDAY MARCH 26TH, 2026

LANDING RESTRICTIONS: AS PER ANNUAL HALIBUT
REGULATION F26-003:

ALL HALIBUT MUST BE LANDED DRESSED
WITH THE HEAD ON;

NO MORE THAN 5,000 POUNDS OF COMMERCIAL
HALIBUT MAY BE HARVESTED BY, HELD BY,
OR OFFLOADED FROM ANY PARTICIPATING VESSEL;

A VESSEL MAY LAND A MAXIMUM OF 5,000 POUNDS OF
COMMERCIAL HALIBUT ON A CALENDAR DAY
(MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT);

MULTI-DAY TRIPS ARE AUTHORIZED WITH A TRIP LIMIT OF
5,000 POUNDS, WITH ALL CATCH LANDED ON A SINGLE CALENDAR
DAY UPON RETURN TO PORT;

ALL COMMERCIAL HALIBUT MUST BE OFFLOADED UPON LANDING,
SUCH THAT UPON OFFLOADING NO PORTION OF COMMERCIAL CATCH
ON A VESSEL MAY BE RETAINED OR WITHHELD IN ANY WAY THAT WOULD
"SPREAD" THE COMMERCIAL CATCH OVER MULTIPLE CALENDAR DAYS;

NO HALIBUT MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE VESSEL TO ANOTHER,
INCLUDING TO A TENDER VESSEL, OR BE REPORTED AS LANDED FROM
A VESSEL OTHER THAN THE VESSEL THAT HARVESTED IT, AS PER THE
MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE TRIBAL HALIBUT FISHERY;

WHEN THE RESTRICTED SUB-FISHERY (WITH A 500 POUND DAILY LANDING LIMIT)
IS OPEN, ALL DAILY LANDINGS OF 500 POUNDS OR FEWER WILL BE
ACCOUNTED FOR AS RESTRICTED SUB-FISHERY HARVEST. FISHERS DO NOT
HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHICH SUB-FISHERY THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN;
ALLOCATION OF LANDINGS TO SUB-FISHERIES WILL BE
DONE BY NATURAL RESOURCES STAFF;

ALL CATCHES MUST BE RECORDED AND REPORTED TO THE FISHERIES OFFICE
WITHIN 24 HOURS OF LANDING.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: NO MORE THEN 4 FISH
PER VESSEL FOR TAKE HOME PURPOSES.

CONTACT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FISHERIES MANAGER PRIOR TO
LANDINGS FOR SAMPLING PURPOSES.
PHILLIP CHARLES 912-5158
LANE JACKSON 912-4355

ALL HALIBUT MEASURING LESS THAN 32 IN
(HEAD AND TAIL ON) MUST BE RETURNED
TO WATER UNHARMED.

EXPECTED EFFORT: BOATS 7

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST OF TRIBAL SHARE OF HALIBUT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE IPHC, PFMC, AND

THE TRIBAL HALIBUT FISHERY MANAGEMENT
PLAN. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION
IN 50 CFR 301.19 AND 301.21.

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