



Quileute Natural Resources

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QUILEUTE NATURAL RESOURCES REGULATION

FISHING: OFF RESERVATION

March 20, 2026


Fishery:	Restricted Commercial Fishery
Target Species:	Pacific Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>)
Management Period:	March 26, 2026, through December 7, 2026
Management Area:	Cape Alava 48° 10'00" North Latitude Queets River 47°31'42" North Latitude
Season:	March 26, 2026 through TBD <u>OR</u> until the initial 46.5% Unrestricted Quota is taken
Allocation:	99,693 lbs. 500-pound landing limit
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 #8 below.

Additional Restrictions:

- 1) Refer to the following Quileute Regulations for interaction with additional fisheries:
 - a. 2026 Quileute Groundfish Regulation
 - b. 2026 Quileute Sablefish "A" and "C" Fishery Regulation
 - c. 2026 Quileute Unrestricted Commercial Halibut Fishery Regulation
 - d. 2026 Quileute Ceremonial Halibut Fishery Regulation
 - e. 2026 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) A vessel may take and retain 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.
- 8) 24 hours before leaving port, Tribal fishers **must contact** Quileute Fish and Wildlife Enforcement and QNR Harvest Management Biologist 360-640-2068.

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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