



IPHC Applications for Incidental Halibut during Commercial Salmon Troll Fishery due March 17, 2014

The PFMC and NMFS approved the possibility of an earlier season opening date of April 1 in Area 2A for the commercial incidental catch of halibut during the salmon troll season and the commercial incidental catch of halibut during the longline sablefish fishery north of Pt. Chehalis, WA. The new deadline for applying for a license for either of these fisheries is March 15 and applications need to be **postmarked no later than 11:59pm on March 17, 2014** (as March 15 falls on the weekend).

If applying for a license to fish in the directed commercial fishery ONLY, the deadline date remains the same and applications need to be postmarked no later than 11:59pm on April 30, 2014.

If you landed halibut under an IPHC commercial license last year, you will again receive a preprinted license application in the mail. An application is included with this newsletter in case you do not receive one in the mail. Or you may request one by calling 206-634-1838, or download a blank application from the IPHC website (<http://www.iphc.int/commercial/119-area-2a-licensing.html>). Applications must be completed and signed by the vessel owner.

OSC Scholarships for College

The OSC is offering scholarships for the 2014-15 year through the Oregon Student Access Commission. These are available to dependents of licensed commercial Oregon troll salmon permit fishermen and/or captains of the vessels of licensed commercial Oregon troll salmon permit fishermen who have paid assessments to the Oregon Salmon Commission within the past three years. Be sure to enter the name of the permit holder on the application. The **deadline to apply is March 1, 2014 by 5:00pm** through the website: www.oregonstudentaid.gov

OSIG Meeting February 27

The 2014 Ocean Salmon Industry Group (OSIG) meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2014. This pre-season planning meeting will provide an early look at the 2014 salmon forecasts, and develop Oregon preferred recreational and commercial ocean salmon fishing concepts to take forward through the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) regulation setting process. The OSIG meeting will be held in the downstairs Salon Room at the Hallmark Resort, 744 SW Elizabeth Street, Newport. The OSIG meeting is open to all ocean sport fishing anglers and charter operators, commercial salmon troll fishers, and any others interested in participating in the development of ocean salmon fishery regulations for the 2014 ocean salmon seasons. Doors open at 9:30 AM with the presentations scheduled to start at 10:00 AM and conclude by 3:30 PM. There will be a lunch break between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM, with a no-host lunch available at the Hallmark. If you will be staying for lunch, contact Georgia York of OCZMA by Monday, February 24 at 541-265-8918, or Georgia@oczma.org. Links to the agenda and briefing materials for the meeting will be posted on the Ocean Salmon Management website at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/salmon as they come available in February.

OSC February 27 Meeting Agenda

An OSC meeting will be held Thursday, February 27 at 3:30 at the Newport **Hallmark Resort** in the downstairs Salon Room, immediately following the OSIG meeting.

Agenda items:

1. Call to order, Introductions - Chair Darus Peake
2. ODFW Budget – ODFW Staff
3. 2014 Salmon Season Discussion
4. Incidental Halibut
5. PFMC meetings
6. Pacific Salmon Commission meeting update – Mark Newell
7. Administrative Report – Nancy Fitzpatrick
 - a. Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Reports
 - c. Approve out of state travel
8. Other Business

Agenda additions may be brought to the attention of the Chair at the start of the meeting.

(The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting. Phone: 541-994-2647)

PFMC Meeting Schedule

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and its advisory bodies will meet March 7-13, 2014 in Sacramento, CA at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, 916-929-8855 to address issues related to salmon, Pacific halibut, groundfish, coastal pelagic species, highly migratory species, and habitat matters. Key agenda items include: Adopt alternatives for the 2014 ocean salmon fisheries for public review; adopt Incidental catch regulations for public review for Pacific halibut in salmon troll.

April PFMC will begin with advisory bodies meeting on Friday, April 4, followed by council sessions from April 5-10 at the Hilton Vancouver WA, 301 N Sixth Street, 306-993-4500.

Sites and dates of public hearings to review the Council's proposed regulatory options are: Westport, WA (March 24); Coos Bay, OR (March 24); and Santa Rosa, CA (March 25). Comments on the alternatives will also be taken during the April Council meeting in Vancouver, Washington.

Copies of briefing materials prepared for the meetings can be found on the PFMC website www.pcouncil.org

Changes to the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010

The rule requiring a safety inspection every two years has changed. The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012, which was signed into law by the President on December 20, 2012, modified the law to require that dockside safety examinations must be completed at least once every 5 years (instead of 2 years), and that the first dockside exam of a vessel must be completed no later than October 15, 2015. Meetings have been scheduled to discuss significant changes to the Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Requirements.

Astoria: Tues, March 4, 10am-12 noon, Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St, 2nd Floor

Newport: Wed. March 5, 10am-12 noon, Englund Marine, 880 SE Bay Blvd.

Charleston: Thurs, March 6, 10am-12 noon, Charleston RV Park, 63402 Kingfisher Dr.

Brookings: Fri, March 7, 10am-12 noon, Harbor Water District (PUD), 98069 W. Benham Lane

Newport: Thurs, April 10, 10-12 noon, Englund Marine

Mark Schneider - We will miss you

Mark Schneider, commercial fisherman since 1989, died December 13, 2013, of complications from pneumonia while visiting family in Costa Rica. Mark was born in Neillsville, Wisconsin. After graduating from McMinnville High School in Oregon, he joined the Air Force. Mark married Cynthia in 1982. They became commercial fishermen and worked together fishing for salmon, Dungeness crab and albacore tuna sold under their label "Catch of the Sea" which they supplied to New Seasons Market. Mark and Cynthia, together with cats Jasper and Topaz, survived an explosion on their boat "Sea Princess" August 5, 2013. Having lost their boat and everything on it, the next months were dedicated to the purchase of a new boat, which they had just completed prior to travelling to Costa Rica. Mark was an avid snowboarder. He also enjoyed hunting, cooking, baking, woodwork, construction, and excelled at everything he did. Mark was an Oregon Albacore Commissioner since 2007, actively participating in events and meetings. We will miss Mark.

Fishing Rules for Two New Marine Reserves

New fishing rules for Cape Perpetua and Cascade Head Marine Reserves began January 1, 2014. The new rules prohibit harvest activities, such as fishing and crabbing, within the boundaries of the marine reserves, and are similar to harvest restrictions already in effect at the Otter Rock and Redfish Rocks sites.

ODFW has worked with the Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee (OFCC) to make the marine reserve boundaries available on electronic drives that can be plugged into your computer and uploaded onto the following plotter programs: Maptech Offshore Navigator; Rose Point Coastal explorer; Nobeltec Visual Navigation suite/Odyssey Time Zero; OLEX; P-Sea WindPlot II. To receive a drive, stop by any coastal ODFW office or contact the ODFW Newport office at 541-867-4741.

If you want paper maps or need boundary coordinates, you can stop by any coastal ODFW office, or get the 2014 Synopsis of Oregon Commercial Fishing Regulations (pg 42-28) online at (http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/regulations/commercial_fishing/index.asp), or visit the Oregon marine reserves website: www.oregonocean.info/marinereserves/rules

Navy Requests Comments on NWTTC Impacts

The U.S. Navy is holding public meetings for the Northwest Training and Testing (NWTTC) Draft Environmental Impacts Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). "The proposed action is to conduct training and testing activities within the NWTTC study area, to include the use of active sonar and explosives, as well as pierside sonar maintenance and testing."

The NWTTC Study Area is composed of established maritime operating and warning areas in the eastern north Pacific Ocean region, to include the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound, and Western Behm Canal in southeastern Alaska. The area includes air and water space within and outside Washington state waters, and outside state waters of Oregon and Northern California. The Study Area includes four existing range complexes and facilities: the NWTRC, the Keyport Range Complex, Carr Inlet Operations Area, and SEAFAC. In addition to these range complexes, the Study Area also includes Navy pierside locations where sonar maintenance and testing as part of overhaul, modernization, maintenance, and repair activities at Navy piers at Naval Base (NAVBASE) Kitsap Bremerton, NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor, and Naval Station Everett.

The Navy evaluated potential environmental impacts from military training and testing activities conducted within the NWTTC Study Area and invites comments.

Visit www.NWTTEIS.com to view the draft EIS/OEIS and **submit comments by March 25, 2014**

Visit a local public library to view the draft EIS/OEIS.

Attend a public meeting. Open house information session will be from 5-8pm, with a Navy presentation at 6:30.

Washington: Wed, Feb 26 at Oak Harbor High Student Union

Thurs, Feb 27 at Cascade High School Commons, Everett

Fri. Feb 28 at North Kitsap High School Commons, Poulsbo

Oregon: Mon, March 3 at Astoria High School Commons

Tues, March 4 at Isaac Newton Magnet School, Newport

California: Thurs, March 6 at Red Lion Hotel, Eureka

Fri, March 7 at Redwood Coast Senior Center, Fort Bragg

Film Company asking about encounters with Great White Sharks in Oregon Waters

Icon Films, a UK based Television production company is looking to find a Salmon Troll Fishing Boat which might allow a small camera crew of 4 people, to join for one day of fishing in early May. They are filming a Natural History documentary for Discovery Channel about Great White Sharks, and would also be very interested to hear from any fishermen who may have had encounters with Great White Sharks in Oregon waters. Please contact jo.avery@iconfilms.co.uk or + 44 (0)117 910 2093

Floating Wind Farm Off Coos Bay

A Seattle company that wants to build a floating wind farm off the shore of Southern Oregon got a green light from some high-ranking officials Wednesday. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber and Tommy Beaudreau, director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, ushered in a new phase of development for Principle Power, Inc. The 30-mega-watt project would be sited 18 miles off the shore of Coos Bay in about 1,400 feet of water. One power cable would connect the turbines to shore. The company is still at the starting line of a long permitting process, officials said, but it is now clear to submit formal plans to install five floating wind turbines within a 15-mile area. While other companies are working on offshore wind projects in the U.S., the Principle Power project would be the first offshore wind project on the West Coast and the first in the country to use floating turbine technology.

Drill Conductor Courses in March

Drill Conductor Courses are again being offered for two days from 7:45am to 5:00pm each day. Call to register for these free courses.

March 11-12 in Winchester Bay, Salmon Harbor Marina Activity Center 541-756-9224

March 13-14 in Newport, Englund Marine 541-574-6534 x 11

March 18-19 in Astoria, Englund Marine 503-240-9337 / 9373

OSC Dealer Assessment Form

First purchasers/dealers of Oregon Troll Caught Salmon will receive OSC assessment forms shortly after the 2014 salmon season begins. The Commission thanks all dealers for filling out the form, making their payments and sending them to the office each month.



Remember that when you purchase an Oregon troll caught Chinook salmon you are supporting not only our fishermen, but our coastal communities and related businesses.

The Oregon Salmon Commission is an industry-funded state commodity commission under the Oregon Department of Agriculture.



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Tagline by Email

If you are receiving this newsletter as a paper copy and would like to receive it by email, please let me know. With email, we are able to send out industry information more often than the publications of *Tagline*.

Ocean Bottom Seismometer Locations

Scientists have deployed 15 trawl-resistant ocean bottom seismometers (OBSs) from south of Newport to Vancouver, BC as part of efforts to better understand earthquake activity and potential damage in this hazard zone. Each battery-powered instrument has a beacon and flag that are designed to “break-away.” These OBSs will be removed in mid-June 2014. For more information or to report a problem, please contact: Assistant Professor Emilie Hooft, 541-346-1455, Emilie@uoregon.edu or visit the Cascadia Initiative online at Cascadia.uoregon.edu

Oregon locations:

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (m)
M05C	46.1747	-124.9357	837
M07C	44.8989	-125.1162	1365
M08C	44.1182	-124.8950	131
J25C	44.4722	-124.6214	144
J33C	45.1065	-124.5709	354

Groundfish retention in the salmon troll fishery

	Fishing entirely shoreward of the non-trawl RCA (<30 fm RCA line)	Any Fishing inside non-trawl RCA (30 fm RCA line-100 fm RCA line)	Fishing entirely seaward of non-trawl RCA (>100 fm RCA line)*
Yellowtail rockfish	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit.	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit.	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lb of yellowtail rockfish for every 2 lbs of salmon landed, with a cumulative limit of 200 lb/month, both within and outside of the RCA. This limit is within the 200 lb per month combined limit for minor shelf rockfish, widow rockfish and yellowtail rockfish, and not in addition to that limit.
Lingcod	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 400 pounds of lingcod per month, without a lingcod to salmon ratio, on trips in which all fishing, including salmon, occurs shoreward of the non-trawl RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed (May-November), and is not "CLOSED." The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 1 lingcod per 15 Chinook per trip, plus 1 lingcod per trip, up to a trip limit of 10 lingcod, on a trip where any fishing occurs within the RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed (May-November), and is not "CLOSED." This limit is within the 400 per month limit for lingcod, and not in addition to that limit. The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.	Salmon trollers may retain and land up to 400 pounds of lingcod per month, without a lingcod to salmon ratio, on trips in which all fishing, including salmon, occurs shoreward of the non-trawl RCA. This limit only applies during times when lingcod retention is allowed (May-November), and is not "CLOSED." The minimum size limit for lingcod is 22 inches (56 cm) total length North of 42° N. lat. and 24 inches (61 cm) total length South of 42° N. lat.
Black/blue rockfish	Salmon trollers may land up to 100 pounds of black and blue rockfish in aggregate in the same landing in which the vessel lands a salmon. The black and blue rockfish must be landed dead. When the aggregate incidental catch of black and blue rockfish in the salmon troll fishery reaches 3,000 pounds in a calendar year, the limit shall be reduced to 15 pounds of black and blue rockfish in aggregate, per trip. A salmon troller's cumulative landings of black rockfish and blue rockfish combined may not exceed trip limits as shown in OAR 635-004-0355. Limits are subject to change inseason. Consult state regulations prior to fishing. (See OAR 635-004-0360 for full text.)	Prohibited	Salmon trollers may land up to 100 pounds of black and blue rockfish in aggregate in the same landing in which the vessel lands a salmon. The black and blue rockfish must be landed dead. When the aggregate incidental catch of black and blue rockfish in the salmon troll fishery reaches 3,000 pounds in a calendar year, the limit shall be reduced to 15 pounds of black and blue rockfish in aggregate, per trip. A salmon troller's cumulative landings of black rockfish and blue rockfish combined may not exceed trip limits as shown in OAR 635-004-0355. Limits are subject to change inseason. Consult state regulations prior to fishing. (See OAR 635-004-0360 for full text.)
Nearshore species (e.g., nearshore rockfish, cabezon, greenling; as defined in state rule)	For only one landing per day, salmon troller may land no more than 15 pounds of a combination of nearshore species (except black rockfish and blue rockfish), as defined in OAR 635-004-0215, if the nearshore species (except black rockfish and blue rockfish): (a) Make up 25 percent or less of the total poundage of the landing; and (b) Are taken with legal groundfish fishing gear. The vessel may not exceed trip limits as shown in OAR 635-004-0355. Limits are subject to change inseason. Consult state regulations prior to fishing. (See OAR 635-004-0360 for full text.)	Prohibited	For only one landing per day, lands no more than 15 pounds of a combination of nearshore species (except black rockfish and blue rockfish), as defined in OAR 635-004-0215, and if the nearshore species (except black rockfish and blue rockfish): (a) Make up 25 percent or less of the total poundage of the landing; and (b) Are taken with legal groundfish fishing gear Cannot exceed trip limits as shown in OAR 635-004-0355. Limits are subject to change inseason. Consult state regulations prior to fishing.
Other groundfish?	Landings of other groundfish are subject to federal trip limits and are shown in Table 3 (North) of the federal trip limit tables. Limits are subject to change inseason. Consult federal trip limit tables prior to fishing.	Prohibited	Landings of other groundfish are subject to federal trip limits and are shown in Table 3 (North) of the federal trip limit tables. Limits are subject to change inseason. Consult federal trip limit tables prior to fishing.

*vessels that fish salmon entirely seaward of the 100 fm RCA line may retain groundfish in the area and stop and fish shoreward of the 30 fm RCA on the same trip.

If groundfish are retained:

State issued logbook- A state issued logbook is required to be completed for each trip in which groundfish are landed, regardless of the purpose of the trip.

VMS- VMS is required if groundfish are retained in federal waters (3-200 miles). The vessel must be declared "salmon troll".

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Area 2A 2014 Halibut Vessel License Application (WA-OR-CA only)

NEW!

**SELECT ONLY ONE BOX IF PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITY 1 OR 2.
IF PARTICIPATING IN BOTH ACTIVITIES 3 AND 4, BOTH BOXES MUST BE SELECTED.**

- Activity:** 1) **Incidental Commercial during Salmon Troll (T)** Application deadline: March 17
 2) **Sport Charter (S)** Application deadline: None
 3) **Directed Commercial (DC)** Application deadline: April 30
 4) **Incidental Commercial during Longline Sablefish Fishery* (IS)** Application deadline: March 17
*Note: NMFS limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement required

Vessel Name _____ Documentation/Official Number _____

Overall Length (ft) _____ Gross Tons _____ Net Tons _____ Year Built _____

Home Port _____ Number in Crew _____

Vessel Owner(s):

Last Name	First Name	Initial
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Mailing Address	E-mail	Home/ Business ()
City	State	Zip Code
		Cell ()

Vessel Captain(s) (complete only if different from Owner):

Last Name	First Name	Initial
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Mailing Address	E-mail	Home/ Business ()
City	State	Zip Code
		Cell ()

Boat Registration Numbers (list all available)

Alaska (ADF&G) _____ Washington (WDFW) _____
Oregon (ODFW) _____ California (CDFW) _____

I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and understand that any false statements may invalidate the IPHC vessel license.

Owner's Signature _____

Application Date _____

Application must be signed by the vessel owner

Mail to: 2320 W. Commodore Way, Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98199-1287 or FAX to: 1-877-653-3933
Telephone: (206) 634-1838

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING LICENSE APPLICATION FOR AREA 2A (WA-OR-CA)

The license application form must be fully completed to receive a halibut fishing license.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

The following entries must be completed as specified:

Vessel Activity: Check only one box if applying for the incidental commercial during the salmon trolling season, the sport charter license, directed commercial only, or incidental commercial during the longline sablefish season only. **If applying for both the directed commercial and the incidental commercial during the longline sablefish season, select each box respectively.** A license will be issued for one of the following: 1) incidental halibut fishing during the salmon troll season; 2) halibut sport charter fishing; 3) directed commercial fishing; or 4) incidental halibut fishing during the longline sablefish fishery (NMFS limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement required). If participating in both the directed commercial and the incidental commercial during the longline sablefish season, you will receive two separate licenses, one for each fishery.

Official Number: Enter the USCG Documentation or State Registration Number for U.S. vessels (Washington DMV, Oregon State Marine Board, or California DMV).

Overall Length: The horizontal distance between the foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the stern (excluding bowsprits, rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments).

Gross Tons, Net Tons, Year Built: Gross tons, net tons, and year built as shown on the certificate when the official number was assigned.

Home Port: Enter your vessel's primary marine port of operations.

Number in Crew: Enter the number of crew members, including the Captain, usually on board while halibut fishing.

Boat Registration Numbers: List all vessel registration numbers assigned to the vessel by state or federal fisheries agencies and under which halibut are sold. You must enter at least one state or federal registration number. If a vessel is registered in Oregon, the official number can be used as the boat registration number.

Owner's Signature: The application must be signed by the owner of the vessel.

SPECIAL NOTICE

1. Vessels bearing a valid Halibut Commission license must also possess all federal and/or state licenses required for the waters in which they intend to fish.
2. The halibut license number assigned will be the same as the official number provided on the license application.
3. The halibut license must be carried on the vessel and be available for inspection while the vessel is engaged in the halibut fishery.
4. Licenses will be mailed to the person signing this application unless otherwise requested.

NOTES: 1) **Incidental commercial during salmon troll fishery** license applications must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2014; **Directed commercial fishery** license applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2014; **Incidental commercial during longline sablefish fishery** license applications must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2014; 2) National Marine Fisheries Service regulations restrict the non-treaty directed commercial halibut fishery to south of Point Chehalis, Washington and the incidental halibut fishery during the sablefish fishery to north of Point Chehalis, Washington; 3) a National Marine Fisheries Service limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement is required to participate in the incidental halibut fishery during the longline sablefish fishery.