

NORTH PACIFIC HALIBUT ACT

VIOLATION	VIOLATION HISTORY - PENALTY AMOUNT
	All Violations
Permit Violations	
Commercial fishing for halibut, or operating a charter vessel fishing for halibut, or receiving halibut without holding a valid IPHC license	\$1,000, or value of catch, whichever is less
Failure to carry license on board or failure to permit inspection by authorized officer upon request	\$500
Closed Season/Area Violations	
Fishing for, landing, or retaining halibut during a closed period, in a closed area, or in an area where the IPHC has announced that the catch limit has been taken; retrieving gear from a closed area without first offloading halibut and obtaining an inspection, or without prior notification of said retrieval where no halibut are aboard; or fishing for halibut on board a licensed vessel in an area where fishing is not permitted:	
If fishing during a closed season is within one hour of the opening or closing	\$1,500-\$2,500
If fishing is more than one hour before or after the season opening	\$2,500-\$10,000, plus value of entire catch, permit sanctions may be considered

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Possession of halibut aboard a vessel in an area where commercial halibut fishing is not permitted, unless the vessel is in transit to or within a port; or possession of halibut known to have been taken in contravention of the regulations	\$2,500-\$10,000, plus forfeiture or value of catch
Possession of halibut during a closed period while fishing for other species of fish: Up to 35 halibut More than 35 halibut	\$300 per fish, plus forfeiture or value of halibut \$400-\$500 per halibut, plus forfeiture or value of halibut
Catching or possessing, or using a vessel to catch or possess halibut during an open fishing period where setline gear was used to fish for any species of fish during the 72 hour period immediately preceding the opening	\$2,000-\$5,000
Fishing for halibut in more than one regulatory area during a fishing period, serving as a tender before halibut catch has been landed and sold, failing to offload between fishing periods	\$2,000-\$6,000
Logging and Record Keeping Violations	
Failure to keep an accurate log of halibut fishing operations, or to keep an accurate record of purchases or receipts of halibut	\$500-\$5,000

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Failure to include IPHC license number on fish ticket	\$1,000
Failure to update fishing log within time specified	\$500
Failure to retain fishing log or purchase records for two years; failure to allow them to be inspected by a fishery officer; or failure to have log on board while fishing, in transit, and 5 days after offloading	\$2,500
Making false entries in fishing log or on fish ticket	\$5,000-\$10,000
Size Limit Violations	
Take or possess halibut less than 32 inches with head on, or less than 24 inches with head off, or cutting halibut in any manner that prevents determination of minimum size	
20 or fewer halibut	\$200 per undersized or disfigured fish, plus forfeiture or value of illegal halibut
More than 20 halibut	\$5,000, plus forfeiture or value of illegal halibut
Possess headless halibut on board a vessel while fishing for halibut or tendering in Area 2A	\$1,000-\$5,000, plus forfeiture or value of headless halibut

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Gear Violations	
Fishing for halibut with other than hook and line gear, possessing halibut taken with other than hook and line gear	\$2,500-\$5,000, plus forfeiture or the value of halibut
Possessing halibut aboard a vessel containing other than hook and line gear	\$1,000-\$2,500
Failure to have setline gear or skate market buoys properly marked	\$500-\$2,500
Fishing for halibut, or possession of halibut on board a vessel that is equipped with or possesses an automated hook stripper	\$2,500-\$5,000
Clearance and Inspection Violations	
Failure to obtain, at the location and times specified, a valid clearance and hold inspection both before fishing for or unloading halibut	\$1,000-\$5,000
Failure to submit to a hold inspection as requested by a fishery officer after gear has been retrieved during a closed period	\$1,000-\$10,000, plus value of halibut taken or unloaded without first obtaining a valid clearance and hold inspection

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Exceeding halibut fishing period limit by:	
10% or less	\$100, plus forfeiture or value of overage
10% to 25%	\$100-\$5,000 per pound of overage, plus forfeiture or value of overage
more than 25%	\$5,000-\$10,000, plus forfeiture or value of overage

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Sport Fishing Violations	
Sport fishing for halibut out of season If vessel is a charter boat If vessel is not a charter boat	\$500 per person charged to the owner and operator \$200 per person
Sport fishing for halibut with other than a handline or rod with no more than two hooks attached	If the gear used is setline gear or gear that is usually used in commercial fishing, occurs during a closed period, the penalties recommended for fishing in a "closed season/area violations," above should be used
Exceeding the daily bag limit or possession limit; catching undersized halibut (California, Oregon and Washington)	\$200 per overlimit or undersized fish, plus forfeiture of the fish
Disfigurement of halibut that prevents the determination of its minimum size	\$200 per fish, plus forfeiture of the disfigured fish
Disfigurement of halibut that prevents catch limit determination	\$200 for the first 50 pounds of disfigured fish, plus \$200 for each 50 pounds over the first 50 pounds

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Possession of sport-caught halibut aboard a vessel when other fish aboard that vessel are destined for commercial use Up to 5 halibut More than 5 halibut	\$500 per fish, plus forfeiture of the sport-caught fish \$2,500-\$8,000, plus forfeiture of the sport-caught halibut
Subsistence Fishing Violations	
Subsistence fishing for halibut w/o a Subsistence Halibut Registration Card (SHRC), and WOULD NOT qualify for a SHRC	\$1000 - \$5000, plus seizure of all halibut
Possession of subsistence caught halibut on a vessel with commercial or sport caught halibut onboard	\$1000 - \$5000, plus seizure of all halibut
Exceeding the daily personal limit of 20 subsistence halibut/person/day by more than 5 halibut	\$200 per halibut, plus seizure of halibut exceeding limit [if number is indicative of intent to sale, may charge as illegal IFQ/commercial fishing]
Disfigurement of halibut that prevents catch limit determination (over 200 lbs of disfigured halibut)	\$200 for each 50 pounds, plus seizure of all disfigured halibut
Using more than 60 hooks on subsistence gear	\$1000 - \$5000 <i>(No seizure of halibut)</i>