

**You must be a CURRENT NCGASA MEMBER to PARTICIPATE in this Derby**  
**PAYOUTS AND PRIZES ARE BASED ON 70 minimum ADULT ENTRANTS.**

FISHING HOURS: JULY 25 from 5:30 am to 2:30 pm • WEIGH-INS from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

RAFFLE PRIZES and AWARDS START AFTER LAST WEIGH IN

WHERE: Woodley Island, 601 Startare Drive East-I Lot/Grass Area

The boundaries of the 2026 California Halibut Derby are: All California halibut must be caught in the waters of Humboldt Bay

1. All entrants must be entered by Friday, July 24th by midnight. Derby event date is July 25 starting at 5:30 am and closing at 5:30 pm. Sign up and register at [California Halibut Derby, Humboldt Bay](#). Registration fees will cover the entry into the event including annual 2026 annual membership to NCGASA. Current members will receive \$20 in raffle tickets at event check in. There is a Youth division for 13 years old and under. Entrants closest to the slot size will win. There will be three winners for adult and youth. Derby fees are listed on website.
2. Payouts will be as follows for CALIFORNIA HALIBUT ONLY. 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$150. Youth payout: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50. All adult payments will be a written check from NCGASA. Youth will receive Gift Cards. Prizes based on 70 minimum adult entrants and subject to change.
3. The Derby will officially draw the slot size July 25 at approx. 5:00 am LIVE on FACEBOOK. The NCGASA Board will have a qualifier of 3" over and under from the target size. Fish that fall within the slot size will be measured to the 1/16" up to 3" from target and weighed. (Example: 27" TARGET = qualifier 24" to 31"). The closest entrant to the slot size wins. Entrants can ONLY ENTER ONE FISH for the main slot category.
4. "Big Fish" entries will be California Halibut 30" and above. ONLY ONE "Big Fish" can be entered per entrant. In case of a tie, winner will be determined by weight. For the big fish, adult and youth divisions will be combined.
5. Measuring device and scale will be provided by the NCGASA Board of Directors and used for all the same fish. Upon an exact tie in length, with 2 Board of Directors confirming a tie, the winner will be decided by weight. All fish within 3" of the target length will be weighed. Biggest weight would take 1st and losing entrant takes 2nd. Upon a 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie, we will take the same direction. All disputes will be solved by NCGASA Board of Directors present at event.
6. A Slot Length of a fish is measured from the tip of nose, closed mouth to the CENTER of the tail. Measure your fish from the tip of nose to the center of a fanned-out tail. The tail should be fanned opened and it will be measured to its longest point in the center of the tail, not the tip of the tail.
7. All people on a vessel must be registered for the Derby if one is participating. For example: If there are four people in a boat, they all must be registered in the Derby. 2-3 people CANNOT fish as a team for one person. Any cheating on this will be a forfeiture of all monies paid for entrants on that vessel. Only exception is licensed guides do not have to be entered. Any licensed guide entered in the Derby must be a current member of NCGASA to avoid paying derby entry fee.
8. The boundaries of the 2026 California Halibut Derby are all waters within Humboldt Bay. All derby waters are off-limits at Friday, July 24 at Sunset until 5:30 am when you can launch your boat on Saturday, July 25. You are not allowed to be on the water before 5:30 am on Derby event day. If anyone sees you on the water before 5:30 am, besides getting ready to launch at the dock, you are automatically disqualified. Fishing event hours are ONLY from 5:30 am to 2:30 pm on event day.
9. All entrants must be in line for weigh-in before 3:30 pm. One minute late is an automatic disqualification. Weigh-in takes place at Woodley Island in Eureka at East I lot and weigh-in starts at 2:30pm and finishes by 3:30 pm. All awards and raffle will start after weigh-in is complete.
10. All derby monies and proceeds go to help fight to save our fisheries and wildlife in Northern CA. NCGASA is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, and all donations are 100% tax write off. Tax ID # 680294956
11. All entrants and people helping with derby understand the risks involved with fishing and boating on Humboldt Bay and are required to follow all CA Department of boating and waterways procedures and California Department of Fish and Wildlife rules. All entrants must carry all boating safety equipment on their own vessels per CDFW. All Derby fish must be taken to the Woodley Island for weigh-in and measuring location between 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Winners will be reported to local police and investigated upon any form of foul play or cheating determined by the NCGASA Board of Directors. By registering online, all Derby participants understand and are responsible for all the risks to participate in this event.
12. All entrants must follow all local, state, and federal laws in this Derby. All CDFW laws are required to be followed. All fish must be caught in the mouth and landed legally by hand or net. You may use any legal technique to fish for California Halibut.
13. NCGASA reserves the right to deploy emergency rule changes if deemed necessary by the NCGASA Board of Directors. Please make sure that you check the NCGASA Facebook and Instagram account before the start of the derby or any changes to the rules will be announced at that time.

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