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FILING ORGANIZATION: **SUQUAMISH TRIBE**
AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: HALIBUT TRIBES, WDFW, NWIFC, VTF
REGULATION NUMBER: 26-03F
REGULATION SUPERCEDE/MODIFIED: NONE
DATE ADOPTED: Jan. 20, 2026

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EFFECTIVE DATES: Jan 20, 2026
FISHERY TYPE: CEREMONIAL & SUBSISTENCE HALIBUT FISHERY
SPECIES: Pacific Halibut
CATCH AREAS: ALL SUQUAMISH Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas, including Marine Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A, 23B, 24B, 25A (fishing will remain closed westward from a line projecting from the northern tip of Protection Island, northwest to Trial Island in B.C. Canada), 25B and 26A (fishing is closed to all gear north and west of line from Camano Head to Sandy Point on Whidbey Island and in that portion of area 26A north of a line extended from Camano Head Southeast to Mission Point)

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SEASON: C&S FISHERY ONLY
OPEN: 8:00 AM, Tuesday, Jan 21, 2026 **(Open Until Further Notice; and/or closed 2 weeks prior to any commercial fisheries)**
Additional openings or closures may be made in season through emergency regulation.
LEGAL GEAR: Subsistence fishery:
Hook and line: (rod and reel with no more than two (2) hooks).
Hand line: with no more than two (2) hooks per line or two (2) lines per fisher.

C & S LANDING RESTRICTIONS:
All Halibut must be landed with the head on. A vessel may hold and land up to four halibut or 200 LBS per day for subsistence purposes. Subsistence catch must be marked as such by notching the tail. Catch held as C&S may not be sold or otherwise converted to commercial catch, through transfer to another person or vessel or by any other means. All catches must be reported to the Suquamish Fisheries Office within one (1) day of the landing and will then be recorded on a Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Ticket.

SIZE RESTRICTIONS: Head On: No person shall take, or possess any halibut that with the head on, is less than 32 inches tip of the lower jaw with mouth closed, to the extreme end of the middle of the tail. All halibut measuring less than 32 inches total length (with head and tail on), must be returned to the water unharmed.

EXPECTED EFFORT: 1-3 vessels are expected to participate in this fishery.
JUSTIFICATIONS: Treaty share of the Halibut resource
SIGNED: Jonathan Oleyar, Fisheries Biologist, Suquamish Tribe (360-394-8445)