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2000 Halibut Landing Report No. 2Quota Share Commercial Fishery Update

It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the British Columbia IVQ and in the Alaskan IFQ fishery through May 15, 2000. No Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made in Alaska.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	8,400	3,151	949
3A	18,310	6,173	898
3B	15,030	2,678	177
4A	4,970	411	26
4B	4,910	211	11
4C	2,030	0	0
4D	2,030	0	0
4E	390	0	0
Alaska total	56,070	12,624	2,061
2B	10,600	3,457	247
Grand Total	66,670	16,081	2,308

The Alaskan catch represents 23% of the catch limit. For comparison, from March 15 to May 13, 1999, 14.9 million pounds or 24% of the 1999 catch limit were landed in the Alaskan IFQ fishery. From March 15 to May 13, 1999, 4.4 million pounds or 32% of the catch limit were landed from Area 2B (British Columbia) compared to 33% in 2000.

Annette Island Reserve Fishery in Area 2C

The Metlakatla Indian community has been authorized by the United States Government to conduct a commercial halibut fishery within the Annette Island Reserve. One 48-hour fishing period occurred between April 29 and May 12, with no fishing activity during the opening due to severe weather. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

Incidental Commercial Halibut Catch in the Area 2A Salmon Troll Fishery

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of halibut allocated to the salmon troll fishery is 24,464 pounds. As of May 14, it was estimated that 1,000 pounds of halibut were landed in Oregon. Estimates of halibut landed in Washington are unavailable.

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