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2000 Halibut Landing Report No. 12**Quota 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/CDQ fisheries through September 14, 2000.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	8,400	7,077	2,879
3A	18,310	14,103	2,498
3B	15,030	11,626	788
4A	4,970	4,282	385
4B	4,910	3,936	328
4C	2,030	1,694	806
4D – IFQ	1,421	1,145	48
4DE CDQ	999	780	1,606
Alaska total	56,070	44,643	9,338
2B	10,600	8,331	823
Grand Total	66,670	52,974	10,161

The Alaskan catch represents 80% of the catch limit. For comparison, from March 15 to September 12, 1999, 48.2 million pounds, or 79% of the 1999 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan IFQ/CDQ fishery. From March 15 to September 14, 1999, 10.0 million pounds, or 83% of the catch limit, were landed from Area 2B (British Columbia) compared to 79% 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. Eleven 48-hour fishing periods occurred between April 29 and September 3, with a total catch of 49,124 pounds. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

One-day Central Oregon Coast All-depth Recreational Halibut Fishery Open Friday, September 22, 2000

The all-depth recreational halibut fishery between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain will be open for one-day on Friday, September 22, 2000. Action was taken under the Catch Sharing Plan to transfer 5,000 pounds from the Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain inside 30-fathom curve fishery in order for this fishery to take place. Only 14,000 pounds remained in the all-depth quota and the additional 5,000 pounds is expected to cover the estimated catch of 19,000 pounds.

Halibut Clearance Update in Area 4

An updated list of clearance locations and contacts is enclosed. There are changes for St Paul Island and Dutch Harbor.

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Clearance locations and contacts for 2000

Allowed Clearances By Port		
<i>Port</i>	<i>To Fish In Area:</i>	<i>To Unload and/or Departure From Area:</i>
Akutan	4A	4A, 4C, 4D
Dutch Harbor	4A	4A, 4C, 4D
Atka (Nazan Bay)	4B	4B (VHF radio)
Adak	4B	4B (VHF radio)
St. Paul	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)
St. George	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)
Vessels With Observer	<u>May clear at any port for all Areas (4A, 4B, 4C, 4D) at once</u>	<u>May clear at any port for all Areas (4A, 4B, 4C, 4D) at once</u>

Clearance Locations			
Dutch Harbor	Dutch Harbor	St. George	
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	Atka (NazanBay)	St. Paul	
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