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2001 Halibut Landing Report No. 11

Central Oregon Coast All-depth Sport Halibut Fishery Open Friday, August 17, 2001

The all-depth sport halibut fishery between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain will be open for one day only on Friday, August 17, 2001. Action was taken in accordance with the Catch Sharing Plan to permit additional fishing when only 36,000 pounds was harvested from an expected catch of nearly 78,000 pounds during fishing on August 3 and 4. About 42,000 pounds is available for harvest.

Area 2A Non-treaty Directed Commercial Fishery to Reopen on August 22

The August 8 non-treaty commercial fishing period in Area 2A resulted in very few landings with low catches. A revised estimate of the directed commercial catch limit that remains is 17,000 pounds.

Area 2A will reopen on August 22 for 10 hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time. The fishery is restricted to waters that are south of Point Chehalis, Washington (46°53'18"N. latitude) under regulations promulgated by National Marine Fisheries Service. Fishing period limits as indicated in the following table will be in effect for this opening.

Vessel Class		Fishing Period Limit (pounds)	
Length	Letter	Dressed, head-on	Dressed, head-off*
0-25	A	225	200
26-30	B	225	200
31-35	C	225	200
36-40	D	470	415
41-45	E	510	450
46-50	F	610	535
51-55	G	680	600
56+	H	1,020	900

*Weights are after 2% has been deducted for ice and slime if fish are not washed prior to weighing.

The appropriate vessel length class and letter are printed on each halibut license.

The fishing period limit is shown in terms of dressed, head-off weight as well as dressed, head-on weight, although fishermen are reminded that regulations require that all halibut from Area 2A be landed with the head on.

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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 August 14, 2001.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	8,780	5,936	2,013
3A	21,890	15,607	2,222
3B	16,530	10,415	654
4A	4,970	3,207	314
4B IFQ/CDQ	4,910	2,728	231
4C IFQ/CDQ	2,030	1,500	686
4D IFQ	1,421	648	26
4D/4E CDQ	999	548	1,665
Alaska total	61,530	40,589	5,567
2B	10,510	6,298	595
Grand Total	72,040	46,887	6,162

The Alaskan catch represents 66% of the catch limit. For comparison, from March 15 to August 14, 2000, 37,825 million pounds, or 67% of the 2000 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan IFQ/CDQ fishery. From March 15 to August 14, 2000, 6.9 million pounds, or 65% of the catch limit, were landed from Area 2B (British Columbia) compared to 60% in 2001.

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