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**2002 Halibut Landing Report No. 1****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 fisheries through April 15, 2002. No Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	8,500	1,352	316
3A	22,630	4,184	308
3B	17,130	611	37
4A	4,970	12	4
4B	4,180	97	7
4C	2,030	0	0
4D	2,030	0	0
4E	390	0	0
Alaska total	61,860	6,256	672
2B	11,750	2,232	116
Grand Total	73,610	8,488	788

The Alaskan catch represents 10% of the catch limit. For comparison, from March 15 to April 12, 2001, 5.4 million pounds or 9% of the 2001 catch limit were landed in the Alaskan IFQ fishery. From March 15 to April 12, 2001, 2.0 million pounds, or 19% of the catch limit, were landed from Area 2B (British Columbia) compared to 19% in 2002.

**Northwest Treaty Tribes Fishery in Area 2A**

In 2002, the Northwest treaty Indian tribes were allocated a total allowable catch of 483,500 pounds in subarea 2A-1 (northern Washington coast): 16,000 pounds were reserved for ceremonial and subsistence purposes, leaving 467,500 pounds for the treaty Indian commercial fishery. Preliminary estimates indicate that 190,093 pounds were landed during two unrestricted openings (3/18-3/20, 4/2-4/3). A restricted fishery with landing restrictions of 500 pounds per vessel per 24-hour period, which started on March 18, will continue until April 19. It is estimated that approximately 49,602 pounds have been landed in the restricted fishery as of April 15, for a total tribal commercial harvest of 239,605 pounds.

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