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**2002 Halibut Landing Report No. 2****Non-treaty Commercial Fishing Period Limits in Area 2A**

The Commission has determined that fishing period limits will be required during the 10-hour, June 26 non-treaty directed commercial fishing period in Area 2A to avoid exceeding the 222,700 pound catch limit. The June 26 fishing period will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. 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	460	405
26-30	B	575	505
31-35	C	915	805
36-40	D	2,525	2,220
41-45	E	2,715	2,390
46-50	F	3,250	2,860
51-55	G	3,625	3,190
56+	H	5,455	4,800

\*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 vessel license.

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

The fishing period limit applies to the vessel, not the individual fisher, and any landings over the vessel limit will be subject to forfeiture and fine.

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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 the Alaskan IFQ fisheries through May 17, 2002. No Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Catch Limit (000's pounds)</b>	<b>Catch (000's pounds)</b>	<b>Number of Landings</b>
2C	8,500	3,090	682
3A	22,630	9,219	767
3B	17,130	3,373	166
4A	4,970	196	34
4B	4,180	593	24
4C	2,030	0	0
4D	2,030	59	2
4E	390	0	0
Alaska total	61,860	16,530	1,675
2B	11,750	4,289	261
Grand Total	73,610	20,819	1,936

The Alaskan catch represents 27% of the catch limit. For comparison, from March 15 to May 17, 2001, 14.6 million pounds or 24% of the 2001 catch limit were landed in the Alaskan IFQ fishery. From March 15 to May 17, 2001, 3.1 million pounds or 29% of the 2001 catch limit were landed from Area 2B (British Columbia) compared to 37% in 2002.

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