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Area 2A Directed Commercial Halibut Fishery Closed for Remainder of 2003

The International Pacific Halibut Commission estimates that 31,000 pounds were landed from the August 6 directed fishery, exceeding the 222,700 pound catch limit. The Area 2A non-treaty directed commercial halibut fishery is closed for the remainder of 2003.

Incidental Commercial Halibut Catch in the Area 2A Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of halibut allocated to the limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery which operates in Area 2A north of Point Chehalis, Washington is 70,000 pounds. It is estimated that 27,500 pounds have been landed through July 23. This incidental halibut catch fishery remains open until further notice. For further incidental fishery retention information call the NMFS hotline (1-800-662-9825).

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