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2005 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The quota share halibut fisheries opened on February 27, 2005. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ fishery through April 18, 2005 and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through April 14, 2005. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	10,930	2,094	425
3A	25,470	5,456	426
3B	13,150	1,093	68
4	9,689	99	13
Alaska total	59,239	8,742	932
2B	11,658	2,356	131
Grand Total	70,897	11,098	1,063

The Alaskan catch represents 15% of the 2005 catch limit. For comparison, from February 29 to April 16, 2004, 7.3 million pounds, or 12% of the 2004 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery. In British Columbia, 3.0 million pounds, or 25% of the catch limit, were landed from Area 2B between February 29 and April 16, 2004, compared to 20% landed in 2005.

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Revised 2005 Catch Limit Table

The catch limit table issued in a news release dated January 24, 2005 contained a computational error. Please note the revised Area 4 total. All numbers in the IPHC's *Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations 2005* booklet are correct.

2005 Catch Limits

Area	Catch Limit (pounds)
2A Non-treaty directed commercial (south of Point Chehalis)	226,203
2A Non-treaty incidental catch in salmon troll	39,918
2A Non-treaty incidental catch in sablefish longline fishery (north of Point Chehalis)	70,000
2A Treaty Indian commercial	452,500
2A Treaty Indian ceremonial and subsistence (year-round)	38,000
2A Sport – North of Columbia River	237,257
<u>2A Sport – South of Columbia River</u>	<u>266,122</u>
Area 2A total	1,330,000
2B (includes sport catch allocation)	13,250,000
2C	10,930,000
3A	25,470,000
3B	13,150,000
4A	3,440,000
4B	2,260,000
4C	1,815,000
4D	1,815,000
<u>4E</u>	<u>359,000</u>
Area 4 total	9,689,000
Total	73,819,000

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