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## 2005 Halibut Landing Report No. 10

### 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/CDQ fisheries and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through August 29, 2005.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	10,930	8,312	2,221
3A	25,470	19,617	2,010
3B	13,150	9,995	596
4A	3,440	2,591	218
4B	2,260	1,505	100
4C	1,815	511	355
4D/4E	2,174	2,119	1,192
Alaska total	59,239	44,650	6,692
2B	11,658	8,574	790
Grand Total	70,897	53,224	7,482

The Alaskan catch represents 75% of the 2005 catch limit. For comparison, from February 29 to August 29, 2004, 47.6 million pounds, or 78% of the 2004 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery. The British Columbian catch represents 74% of the 2005 catch limit. Between February 29 and August 29, 2004, 8.4 million pounds, or 70% of the catch limit, were landed from Area 2B.

### Annette Islands Reserve Fishery in Area 2C

The Metlakatla Indian community has been authorized by the United States Government to conduct a commercial halibut fishery within the Annette Islands Reserve. The seventh 48-hour fishing period of 2005 occurred between July 22 and July 24, with a total catch of 2,688 pounds. The eighth opening of 2005 occurred between August 5 and August 7, with a total catch of 3,173 pounds. A ninth fishing period, which occurred between August 19 and August 21, yielded a catch of 2,541 pounds. After nine openings, a grand total of 41,010 pounds have been landed in 2005. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

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