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2005 Halibut Landing Report No. 13**British Columbian and Alaskan Commercial Fisheries closed for 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 during the 2005 commercial halibut season.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	10,930	10,460	2,956
3A	25,470	25,053	2,650
3B	13,150	13,004	845
4A	3,440	3,324	313
4B	2,260	1,932	132
4C	1,815	542	384
4D/4E	2,174	2,922	1,242
Alaska total	59,239	57,237	8,522
2B	11,658	12,249	1,123
Grand Total	70,897	69,486	9,645

The Alaskan catch represents 97% of the 2005 catch limit. For comparison, during the 2004 season, 59.0 million pounds, or 96% of the 2004 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery. The British Columbian catch represents 105% of the 2005 catch limit. The apparent excess is due to carryover poundage from the 2004 fishery, which is not included in the 2005 catch limit. During the 2004 Area 2B fishery, 12.1 million pounds, or 96% of the catch limit, were landed from Area 2B. The 2005 quota share halibut fisheries opened on February 27 and closed on November 15.

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