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2006 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1

Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update

The 2006 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 5, one week later than the 2005 opening date. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ fishery through April 17, 2006 and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through April 13, 2006. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	10,630	2,230	447
3A	25,200	4,976	395
3B and 4	19,430	641	43
Alaska total	55,260	7,847	885
2B	11,631	3,159	149
Grand Total	66,891	11,006	1,034

The Alaskan catch represents 14% of the 2006 catch limit. For comparison, from February 27 to April 18, 2005, 8.7 million pounds, or 15% of the 2005 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery. Comparing the number of days opened, 6.4 million pounds, or 11% of the catch limit, were delivered after 43 days of the 2005 season.

The British Columbian catch represents 27% of the 2006 catch limit. Between February 27 and April 14, 2005, 2.4 million pounds, or 20% of the 2005 catch limit, were landed from Area 2B. Comparing the number of days opened, 2.2 million pounds, or 19% of the catch limit, were delivered after 39 days of the 2005 season.

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Updated 2006 Area 4 clearance locations and contacts

Clearance Locations		
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