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2006 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 3Quota 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 and CDQ fisheries and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through June 19, 2006.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	10,630	5,472	1,184
3A	25,200	13,843	1,258
3B	10,860	4,172	278
4A	3,350	571	41
4B	1,670	295	21
4C	1,610	9	22
4D	1,610	143	3
4E	330	72	158
Alaska total	55,260	24,577	2,965
2B	11,631	5,732	380
Grand Total	66,891	30,309	3,345

The Alaskan catch represents 44% of the 2006 catch limit. For comparison, from February 27 to June 19, 2005, 26.6 million pounds, or 45% of the 2005 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery. Comparing the number of days opened, 24.1 million pounds, or 41% of the catch limit, were delivered after 106 days of the 2005 season.

The British Columbian catch represents 49% of the 2006 catch limit. Between February 27 and June 19, 2005, 5.2 million pounds, or 45% of the 2005 catch limit, were landed from Area 2B. Comparing the number of days opened, 4.8 million pounds, or 41% of the catch limit, were delivered after 106 days of the 2005 season.

Area 2A Incidental Commercial Halibut Fishery During the Salmon Troll Season

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of halibut allocated to the Area 2A salmon troll fishery is 41,464 pounds. An estimated 7,918 pounds of halibut were landed in Washington State during the month of May. There were no May halibut landings reported in Oregon. The incidental halibut catch fishery during the salmon troll season remains open until further notice.

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Updated 2006 Area 4 clearance locations and contacts

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