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2007 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update

The 2007 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 10. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ fishery through April 17, 2007 and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through April 18, 2007. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made so far in 2007.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	8,510	1,555	326
3A	26,200	3,445	291
3B and 4	17,650	224	15
Alaska total	52,360	5,224	632
2B	10,089	2,752	218
Grand Total	62,449	7,976	850

The Alaskan catch represents 10% of the 2007 catch limit. For comparison, 7.8 million pounds, or 14% of the 2006 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery between March 5 and April 17, 2006.

The British Columbian catch represents 26% of the 2007 catch limit. For comparison, 3.2 million pounds, or 27% of the 2006 catch limit, were landed from Area 2B between March 5 and April 13, 2006.

Area 2A Commercial Tribal Fisheries

In 2007, the Treaty Indian tribes of Area 2A-1 were allocated 461,000 pounds of halibut for commercial use by the Pacific Fishery Management Council. As of April 3, 92,877 pounds have been landed by the Treaty tribes.

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