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**2007 Halibut Landing Report No. 11**Quota 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 and CDQ fisheries and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through October 18, 2007.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	8,510.0	7,876	2,470
3A	26,200.0	24,028	2,476
3B	9,220.0	8,539	677
4A	2,890.0	2,588	265
4B	1,440.0	1,343	108
4C*	1,866.5	544	511
4D*	1,866.5	2,366	192
4E*	367.0	581	2,222
Alaska total	52,360.0	47,865	8,921
2B	10,089.0	8,710	1,156
Grand Total	62,449.0	56,575	10,077

\*Area 4C CDQ and IFQ can be fished in Area 4D; Area 4D CDQ can be fished in Area 4E

The Alaskan catch represents 91% of the 2007 catch limit. For comparison, 50.3 million pounds, or 91% of the 2006 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery between March 5 and October 16, 2006.

The British Columbian catch represents 86% of the 2007 catch limit. For comparison, 10.7 million pounds, or 92% of the 2006 catch limit, were landed from Area 2B between March 5 and October 15, 2006.

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 40,227 pounds. The catch limit now available is 43,667 pounds which includes 3,440 pounds that has rolled from the directed fishery. A total of 24,126 pounds of halibut were landed through October 18, with 15,538 pounds landed in Washington and 8,588 pounds landed in Oregon. The incidental halibut catch fishery during the salmon troll season remains open until further notice.

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### Incidental Commercial Halibut Catch in the Area Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of halibut allocated to the limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery which operates in Area 2A north of Point Chehalis, Washington is 70,000 pounds. It is estimated that 39,367 pounds have been landed through October 18. This incidental halibut catch fishery remains open until further notice. For further incidental fishery retention information call the NMFS hotline (1-800-662-9825).

### 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 ninth 48-hour opening of the 2007 season occurred between August 17 and August 19 and resulted in the landing of 2,097 pounds of halibut. A tenth opening, which occurred between August 31 and September 2, yielded a catch of 3,439 pounds. After ten openings, a grand total of 39,252 pounds of halibut have been landed in 2007. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

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