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2008 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2008 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 8. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ fishery and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through April 24, 2008. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made yet in 2008.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	6,210.0	1,520	386
3A	24,220.0	5,599	445
3B	10,950.0	452	32
4	8,850.0	63	8
Alaska total	50,230.0	7,634	871
2B	7,917.7	1,912	151
Grand Total	58,147.7	9,546	1,022

The catch off Alaska represents 15% of the 2008 catch limit. For comparison, 6.7 million pounds, or 13% of the 2007 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery between March 10 and April 24, 2007.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 24% of the 2008 catch limit. For comparison, 3.4 million pounds, or 34% of the 2007 catch limit, were landed from Area 2B between March 10 and April 24, 2007.

Area 2A Commercial Tribal Fisheries

In 2008, the Pacific Fishery Management Council allocated 397,000 pounds of halibut for commercial use to the Treaty Indian tribes of Area 2A-1. As of April 24, the Treaty tribes have landed 324,164 pounds of halibut.

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