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**2009 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1****Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2009 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 21. 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, 2009. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made in 2009.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	5,020.0	1,158	252
3A	21,700.0	3,257	321
3B	10,900.0	196	21
4	7,880.0	98	8
Alaska total	45,500.0	4,709	602
2B	6,711.6	1,448	160
Grand Total	52,211.6	6,157	762

The catch off Alaska represents 10% of the 2009 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 7.6 million pounds, or 15% of the 2008 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2008; however, the opening date of the 2008 fishery occurred 13 days earlier in the year than that of the 2009 fishery. Thus, during the first 41 days of the 2008 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 5.0 million pounds, or 10% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 22% of the 2009 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 1.9 million pounds, or 24% of the 2008 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2008. Also, during the first 41 days of the 2008 IVQ fishery, 1.6 million pounds, or 21% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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