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### **2009 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 5**

#### Area 2A Directed Commercial Halibut Fishery Closed for Remainder of 2009

The International Pacific Halibut Commission reports that the catch limit for the Area 2A non-treaty directed commercial fishery has been reached, following the July 8 fishing period. Therefore, this fishery is closed for the remainder of 2009. The entire catch limit has been taken; therefore, no poundage is available to add to the catch limit for the incidental halibut in the salmon troll fishery. The incidental halibut in the salmon troll fishery remains open until further notice.

#### South Washington Coast Sport Halibut Season Closed as of June 28

Catch estimates through June 28 for the south Washington coast sport halibut fishery (Queets River to Leadbetter Point) indicate that 38,774 pounds have been caught. The remaining 1,965 pounds are insufficient to allow another fishery, so this fishery is therefore closed for the remainder of 2009.

The northern nearshore fishery in this area has a quota of 2,000 pounds. This fishery remains open every Thursday through Sunday until the quota is projected to be taken or September 30, whichever occurs earlier. Anglers are allowed one fish per day of any size.

#### Oregon Central Coast Sport Halibut Fishery update

The preliminary estimate of catch for the Oregon Central Coast sport halibut fishery (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.) through July 4 is 122,402 pounds, leaving only 1,859 pounds in the spring fishery quota. Therefore, sport halibut fishing in this area is now closed. Fishing will resume on August 7, at which time fishing will be allowed on every other Friday-Sunday.

The nearshore (less than 40 fathom) fishery in this area has a quota of 14,407 pounds. This fishery remains open seven days a week until the quota is harvested or October 31, whichever occurs earlier. Anglers are allowed one fish per day of any size at this time.

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