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2010 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 6**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2010 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 6. 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 July 14, 2010.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	4,400.0	2,836	951
3A	19,900.0	12,521	1,301
3B	9,900.0	5,013	393
4	8,070.0	2,496	980
Alaska total	42,270.0	22,866	2,625
2B	6,598.6	4,183	584
Grand Total	48,868.6	27,049	3,209

The catch off Alaska represents 54% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 21.8 million pounds, or 48% of the 2009 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2009; however, the opening date of the 2009 fishery occurred 15 days later in the year than that of the 2010 fishery. Thus, during the first 130 days of the 2009 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 24.5 million pounds, or 54% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 63% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 3.1 million pounds, or 47% of the 2009 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2009. Comparing by opening lengths, during the first 130 days of the 2009 IVQ fishery, 3.5 million pounds, or 52% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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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. There have been four 48-hour openings with opening dates of April 23, May 7, May 21, and June 4 and halibut catches by opening of 1,889, 4,912, 4,821, and 7,690 pounds, respectively. After four openings, a grand total of 19,312 pounds of halibut have been landed in 2010. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

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