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2010 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 7Central Oregon Area Sport Fishery Update and Closure Notice

Preliminary estimates of the catch of halibut during the August 6-8 fishery in the Central Oregon (Cape Falcon, OR to Humbug Mt., OR) area indicate that the quota for 2010 has been reached. Therefore, the Central Oregon all-depth fishery is closed for the remainder of the year.

Anglers are reminded that the nearshore (less than 40 fathom) fishery in this area closed on July 18, so all sport fishing for halibut in the Central Oregon sub-area is now prohibited for the remainder of 2010.

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 August 15, 2010.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	4,400.0	3,255	1,194
3A	19,990.0	15,053	1,592
3B	9,900.0	6,697	510
4	8,070.0	4,260	1,930
Alaska total	42,360.0	29,265	5,226
2B	6,598.6	4,941	709
Grand Total	48,958.6	34,206	5,935

The catch off Alaska represents 69% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 29.3 million pounds, or 64% 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 162 days of the 2009 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 32.5 million pounds, or 72% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 75% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 4.0 million pounds, or 59% of the 2009 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2009. Comparing by opening lengths, during the first 162 days of the 2009 IVQ fishery, 4.4 million pounds, or 65% 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. The last three 48-hour fish periods, with opening dates of June 18, July 2, and July 16, had halibut catches by opening of 6,609, 3,626, and 2,659 pounds, respectively. After seven openings, a grand total of 32,206 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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