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2010 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 8Quota 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 September 15, 2010.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	4,400.0	3,739	1,501
3A	19,990.0	17,434	1,875
3B	9,900.0	8,105	663
4	8,070.0	5,831	2,231
Alaska total	42,360.0	35,109	6,270
2B	6,598.6	5,511	682
Grand Total	48,958.6	40,620	6,952

The catch off Alaska represents 83% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 35.8 million pounds, or 79% 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 193 days of the 2009 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 38.2 million pounds, or 84% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 84% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 4.8 million pounds, or 72% of the 2009 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2009. Comparing by opening lengths, during the first 193 days of the 2009 IVQ fishery, 5.1 million pounds, or 76% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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 fishing periods, with opening dates of July 30, August 13, and August 27, had halibut catches by opening of 3,991, 1,611, and 4,716 pounds, respectively. After ten openings, a grand total of 42,524 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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