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2011 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1

Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update

The 2011 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 12. 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 14, 2011. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made in 2011.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,330.0	433	159
3A	14,360.0	2,507	229
3B and 4	15,820.0	251	26
Alaska total	32,510.0	3,191	414
2B	6,702.2	1,420	95
Grand Total	39,212.2	4,611	509

The catch off Alaska represents 10% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 5.1 million pounds, or 12% of the 2010 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2010; however, the opening date of the 2010 fishery occurred 6 days earlier in the year than that of the 2011 fishery. Thus, during the first 33 days of the 2010 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 3.9 million pounds, or 9% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 21% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 1.8 million pounds, or 27% of the 2010 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2010. Also, during the first 33 days of the 2010 IVQ fishery, 1.6 million pounds, or 24% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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Area 2A Commercial Treaty Indian Fisheries

In 2011, the Pacific Fishery Management Council allocated 293,200 pounds of halibut for commercial use to the Treaty Indian tribes of Area 2A-1. During a 48-hour unrestricted fishery from March 20 to March 22, the Treaty tribes landed 148,646 pounds of halibut. An additional 62,800 pounds of halibut were landed during joint, restricted fishing periods from March 12-19 and March 24-28. The Area 2A treaty Indian commercial halibut fisheries remain open with 81,754 pounds of halibut left to harvest.

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