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2011 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 3**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 and CDQ fisheries and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through June 14, 2011.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,330.0	1,304	562
3A	14,360.0	7,750	885
3B	7,510.0	2,488	257
4	8,310.0	1,714	175
Alaska total	32,510.0	13,256	1,879
2B	6,702.2	2,601	259
Grand Total	39,212.2	15,857	2,138

The catch off Alaska represents 41% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 17.6 million pounds, or 42% 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 94 days of the 2010 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 16.1 million pounds, or 38% of the catch limit, had been landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 39% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 3.6 million pounds, or 55% of the 2010 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2010. Also, during the first 94 days of the 2010 IVQ fishery, 3.5 million pounds, or 53% 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. Four 48-hour fishing periods, with opening dates of April 15, April 30, May 13, and May 27 had halibut catches by opening of 4,259, 3,881, 5,181, and 10,843 pounds, respectively. After four openings, a grand total of 24,164 pounds of halibut have been landed in 2011. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

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