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2011 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 5

Washington North Coast Area Sport Fishery Closure

The preliminary catch for the Washington North Coast sport halibut fishery (Sekiu River, WA to Queets River, WA) through June 30 is 103,741 pounds, leaving 5,051 pounds to be harvested. This is insufficient quota for any further openings in 2011. Therefore, the Washington North Coast area is closed to any further sport halibut fishing in 2011.

Washington South Coast Area Sport Fishery Update

The 2011 Washington South Coast northern nearshore fishery had an initial quota of 2,000 pounds. Utilizing the remaining quota from the primary fishery of 1,129 pounds, this fishery has continued to remain open seven days a week. Through July 10, a total of 3,145 pounds have been taken, exceeding the revised quota by 16 pounds. A provision of the 2011 Catch Sharing Plan allows for the in-season transfer of quota between Washington sport halibut areas, so managers have transferred 1,500 pounds from the North Coast area to the South Coast northern nearshore fishery. Therefore, this fishery remains open until the remaining quota of 1,484 pounds is projected to be taken or September 30, whichever occurs earlier. Anglers are allowed one fish per day of any size.

Central Oregon Area Sport Fishery Update

The preliminary estimate of catch from the July 4-6 fishery shows that the annual quota of 13,800 pounds for the nearshore (less than 40 fathoms) fishery in the Central Oregon (Cape Falcon, OR to Humbug Mt., OR) area has been exceeded. The nearshore fishery is now closed for the remainder of 2011. The overage will be subtracted from the quota available for the summer all-depth fishery which opens on August 5.

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