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Area 2A Non-Treaty Directed Commercial Halibut Fishery Closed for Remainder of 2011

The International Pacific Halibut Commission reports that the catch limit for the Area 2A non-treaty directed commercial fishery has been reached following the July 13 fishing period. Therefore, the Area 2A non-treaty directed commercial halibut fishery is closed for the remainder of 2011.

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 July 19, 2011.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,330.0	1,477	702
3A	14,360.0	9,400	1,136
3B	7,510.0	3,823	358
4	8,310.0	3,285	1,228
Alaska total	32,510.0	17,985	3,424
2B	6,702.2	3,277	361
Grand Total	39,212.2	21,262	3,785

The catch from Alaskan waters represents 55% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 23.6 million pounds (56% 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 six days earlier in the year than that of the 2011 fishery. Thus, during the first 129 days of the 2010 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 22.7 million pounds (54% of the catch limit) had been landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 49% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 4.3 million pounds (65% of the 2010 catch limit) had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2010. Also, during the first 129 days of the 2010 IVQ fishery, 4.1 million pounds (63% 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 fifth 48-hour fishing period opened on June 10 and had a halibut catch of 5,157 pounds. After five openings, a grand total of 29,231 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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