



July 29, 2011

2011 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 7

The Area 2A Incidental Commercial Halibut Catch in the Salmon Troll Fishery Reopens

Following the May 28, 2011 closure, there were an estimated 2,598 pounds of halibut remaining in the incidental commercial halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery's catch limit of 28,126 pounds. In order to allow the harvest of this limited remaining poundage, fishery managers and industry agreed to reopen the incidental catch of halibut effective Friday, July 29. Landings are limited to one Pacific halibut per seven consecutive days (Friday through Thursday). The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has instituted a call-in requirement to monitor landings in a timely manner. For more details, please see ODFW's 7/28/2011 ACTION NOTICE posted at the following link: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/salmon/>. The fishery will remain open until further notice.

Washington South Coast Area Northern Nearshore Sport Fishery Closure

Preliminary catch estimates for the sport halibut fishery occurring in the northern nearshore subarea in the Washington South Coast area (Queets River, WA to Leadbetter Point, WA) indicate that the 2011 catch limit will be reached following the conclusion of fishing on July 31, 2011. Therefore, the South Coast northern nearshore sport halibut fishery will close at 11:59 p.m. for the remainder of 2011.

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