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2011 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 9Quota 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 October 13, 2011.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,330.0	2,197	1,200
3A	14,360.0	13,654	1,771
3B	7,510.0	6,863	688
4	8,310.0	7,126	2,504
Alaska total	32,510.0	29,840	6,163
2B	6,702.2	5,374	643
Grand Total	39,212.2	35,214	6,806

The catch from Alaskan waters represents 92% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 38.9 million pounds (92% 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 215 days of the 2010 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 37.8 million pounds (89% of the catch limit) were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 80% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 6.0 million pounds (91% of the 2010 catch limit) were landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2010. Also, during the first 215 days of the 2010 IVQ fishery, 6.0 million pounds (91% of the catch limit) were landed.

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

Since the July 29 reopening of the incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery, 419 pounds of halibut have been landed. There are still 2,179 pounds remaining and the fishery will remain open until further notice.

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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 last two 48-hour fishing periods, with opening dates of September 16 and September 30, had halibut catches by opening of 5,443 and 3,875 pounds, respectively. After thirteen openings, a grand total of 61,947 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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