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2012 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 8**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2012 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 17. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ and CDQ fisheries through October 14, 2012 and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through October 13, 2012.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,624.00	2,447	1,158
3A	11,918.00	10,922	1,677
3B	5,070.00	4,621	558
4A	1,567.00	1,486	191
4B	1,869.00	1,575	161
4C/4D/4E	2,465.00	2,206	1,552
Alaska total	25,513.00	23,257	5,297
2B	5,953.35	5,339	693
Grand Total	31,466.35	28,596	5,990

The catch off Alaska represents 91% of the 2012 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 29.9 million pounds, or 92% of the 2011 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2011; however, the opening date of the 2011 fishery occurred five days earlier in the year than that of the 2012 fishery. Thus, during the first 211 days of the 2011 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 29.5 million pounds, or 91% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 90% of the 2012 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 5.4 million pounds, or 80% of the 2011 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2011. During the first 210 days of the 2011 IVQ fishery, 5.2 million pounds, or 79% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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Area 2A Incidental Commercial Halibut Fishery During the Limited Entry, Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of halibut allocated to the limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery which operates in Area 2A north of Point Chehalis, Washington is 21,173 pounds. Incidental catch of halibut in the sablefish fishery was allowed beginning May 1. It is estimated that 4,304 pounds of halibut, or 20% of the catch limit, have been landed through September 17. Please note, the 4,514 pounds reported in Landing Report No. 7 was the dressed, head-on weight, not the net weight (3,972 pounds). This fishery remains open until further notice.

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