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2013 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 9**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2013 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 23. Preliminary catch estimates and numbers of landings made in the Alaskan IFQ and CDQ fisheries and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery during the 2013 Pacific halibut season are as follows.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,970.00	2,916	1,235
3A	11,030.00	10,825	1,770
3B	4,290.00	4,034	530
4A	1,330.00	1,207	177
4B	1,450.00	1,208	166
4CDE	1,930.00	1,763	1,503
Alaska total	23,000.00	21,953	5,381
2B	5,957.55	5,828	712
Grand Total	28,957.55	27,781	6,093

The catch off Alaska represents 95% of the 2013 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 24.8 million pounds, or 97% of the catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery in 2012.

The catch from British Columbian (Area 2B) waters represents 98% of the 2013 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 5.9 million pounds, or 99% of the 2012 catch limit, were landed from Area 2B in 2012.

The commercial halibut fisheries closed on November 7, 2013 at noon, local time.

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 ninth and tenth 48-hour fishing periods, with opening dates of August 23 and September 6, had halibut catches by opening of 5,282 and 4,398 pounds, respectively. A grand total of 54,517 pounds of halibut were landed in the 2013 Annette Islands fishery.

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

The total allowable incidental commercial allocation of halibut to the 2013 limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery, which operates in Area 2A north of Point Chehalis, Washington, was 21,410 pounds. It is estimated that 12,000 pounds of halibut were landed during the 2013 season. The incidental commercial halibut fishery during the limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery closed on October 31.

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