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2014 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2014 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 8. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ fishery through April 15, 2014 and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through April 14, 2014. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have occurred thus far in 2014.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	3,318.72	958	246
3A	7,317.73	1,477	213
3B and 4	6,115.00	179	20
Alaska total	16,751.45	2,614	479
2B	5,792.50	1,251	82
Grand Total	22,543.95	3,865	561

The catch off Alaska represents 16% of the 2014 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 1.7 million pounds, or 7% of the 2013 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2013; however, the opening date of the 2013 fishery occurred fifteen days later in the year than that of the 2014 fishery. Thus, during the first 38 days of the 2013 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 3.5 million pounds, or 15% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian (Area 2B) waters represents 22% of the 2014 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 0.75 million pounds, or 13% of the 2013 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2013. Also, during the first 37 days of the 2013 IVQ fishery, 1.1 million pounds, or 18% of the catch limit, had been landed.

Area 2A Commercial Treaty Indian Fisheries

In 2014, the Pacific Fishery Management Council allocated 307,500 pounds of halibut for commercial use to the Treaty Indian tribes of Area 2A-1. Preliminary catch estimates indicate that during a 48-hour unrestricted fishery from March 11 to March 13, the Treaty tribes landed 228,831 pounds of halibut. An additional 58,517 pounds of halibut were landed during a 30-hour restricted fishing period from March 20-21, which had a limit of 500 pounds per vessel. There are 20,152 pounds remaining in the Area 2A Treaty Indian commercial halibut fishery catch limit.

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