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COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY AND 2014 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 10**IPHC Communications Survey – We Want to Hear from You!**

The IPHC is conducting a survey of its stakeholders to gauge the quality and effectiveness of its current communications and to gather recommendations for improving our communications. It is important for us to hear from as many people as possible, and all members of the halibut community are invited to take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IPHC2014CS>. The survey is open now and will remain open through December 31. Results and analysis will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update

The 2014 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 8 and closed on November 7. 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 during the 2014 season.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	3,318.72	3,215	1,280
3A	7,317.73	7,347	1,472
3B	2,840.00	2,824	461
4A	850.00	827	145
4B	1,140.00	1,089	128
4CDE	1,285.00	1,248	778
Alaska total	16,751.45	16,550	4,264
2B	5,792.50	5,776	714
Grand Total	22,543.95	22,326	4,978

The catch off Alaska represents 99% of the 2014 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 22.0 million pounds, or 95% of the 2013 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery in 2013.

The catch from British Columbian (Area 2B) waters represents 99% of the 2014 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 6.0 million pounds, or 100% of the 2013 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B in 2013.

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 14,274 pounds. Incidental catch of halibut in the sablefish fishery was allowed beginning April 1. It is estimated that 10,511 pounds of halibut were landed during the 2014 season. The incidental commercial halibut fishery during the limited entry, fixed gear sablefish fishery closed on October 31.

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