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IPHC NEWS RELEASE 2016-28**2016 PACIFIC HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 8****Quota Share Commercial Fisheries**

The 2016 quota share Pacific halibut fisheries opened on 19 March 2016. It is estimated that the following commercial landings, in pounds and numbers, were made in the Alaskan Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) and Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries and in the British Columbian Individual Vessel Quota (IVQ) fishery during the 2016 commercial season, which closed on 7 November 2016.

Area*	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	3,924	3,891	1,309
3A	7,336	7,256	1,472
3B	2,710	2,637	372
4AB	2,530	2,432	292
4CDE	1,660	1,462	609
Alaska total	18,160	17,677	4,054
2B	6,199	6,049	668
Grand Total	24,359	23,726	4,722

*Detailed descriptions and maps of the Areas may be found in the 2016 Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (<http://www.iphc.int/library/regulations.html>). Totals may differ due to rounding.

The catch in Alaskan waters represents 97% of the 2016 commercial fishery catch limit for that area. For comparison, 17.5 million pounds, or 98% of the 2015 catch limit, were landed in the 2015 Alaskan fishery.

The catch from British Columbian (Area 2B) waters represents 98% of the 2016 commercial fishery catch limit for that area. For comparison, 5.9 million pounds, or 99% of the 2015 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B in 2015.

Area 2A Commercial Fisheries

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of Pacific halibut allocated to the Area 2A salmon troll fishery was 34,123 pounds. A total of 26,000 pounds were landed during the 2016 season.

The total allowable incidental commercial catch of Pacific halibut allocated to the limited entry, fixed-gear sablefish fishery, which operates in Area 2A north of Point Chehalis, Washington, was 49,686 pounds. A total of 30,000 pounds were landed during the 2016 season.

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The total allowable directed commercial catch of Pacific halibut allocated to the non-treaty fishery, which operates in Area 2A south of Point Chehalis, Washington, was 193,400 pounds. A total of 198,000 pounds were landed during the 2016 season during three 10-hour openings.

The total allowable commercial catch of Pacific halibut allocated to the treaty fisheries, was 365,100 pounds. A total of 361,000 pounds were landed during the 2016 season.

Annette Islands Reserve Fishery in Area 2C

The Metlakatla Indian Community has been authorized by the United States Government to conduct a commercial Pacific halibut fishery within the Annette Islands Reserve. The total landed weight of Pacific halibut reported was 79,358 pounds from thirteen 48-hour fishing periods during the 2016 season. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced the closure of this fishery on 7 October 2016.

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