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2010 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 1**Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update**

The 2010 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 6. It is estimated that the following catches and numbers of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ fishery and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through April 13, 2010. No Alaskan Community Development Quota (CDQ) landings have been made in 2010.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	4,400.0	1,035	274
3A	19,900.0	3,574	305
3B	9,900.0	291	29
4	8,070.0	41	4
Alaska total	42,270.0	4,941	612
2B	6,598.7	1,758	133
Grand Total	48,868.7	6,699	745

The catch off Alaska represents 12% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 2.8 million pounds, or 6% of the 2009 catch limit, were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2009; however, the opening date of the 2009 fishery occurred 15 days later in the year than that of the 2010 fishery. Thus, during the first 38 days of the 2009 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 5.1 million pounds, or 11% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 27% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 1.2 million pounds, or 18% of the 2009 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2009. Also, during the first 38 days of the 2009 IVQ fishery, 1.6 million pounds, or 24% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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Area 2A Commercial Tribal Fisheries

In 2010, the Pacific Fishery Management Council allocated 253,072 pounds of halibut for commercial use to the Treaty Indian tribes of Area 2A-1. As of April 8, the Treaty tribes have landed a total harvest of 250,438 pounds of halibut in 599 trips. The catch represents 99% of the 2010 catch limit. The commercial halibut fisheries for the Area 2A Treaty tribes are now closed for the remainder of the 2010 season.

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