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2010 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 9

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 and CDQ fisheries and in the British Columbian IVQ fishery through October 17, 2010.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	4,400.0	4,057	1,656
3A	19,990.0	19,121	2,094
3B	9,900.0	9,312	789
4	8,070.0	6,886	2,353
Alaska total	42,360.0	39,376	6,892
2B	6,598.6	6,014	744
Grand Total	48,958.6	45,390	7,636

The catch off Alaska represents 93% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 41.1 million pounds, or 90% 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 225 days of the 2009 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 42.9 million pounds, or 94% of the catch limit, were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 91% of the 2010 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 5.6 million pounds, or 86% of the 2009 catch limit, had been landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2009. Comparing by opening lengths, during the first 193 days of the 2009 IVQ fishery, 6.1 million pounds, or 91% of the catch limit, had been landed.

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 eleventh 48-hour fishing period, which opened on September 10, had a halibut catch of 2,392 pounds. After eleven openings, a grand total of 44,916 pounds of halibut have been landed in 2010. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

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