

# News Release

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## 2011 HALIBUT LANDING REPORT NO. 8

### Central Oregon Area All-Depth Sport Fishery Closed: Nearshore Reopens

Preliminary catch estimates for the August 5-6 all-depth sport halibut fishery occurring in the central Oregon area (Cape Falcon, OR to Humbug Mt., OR) indicate that approximately 30,800 pounds were taken, leaving approximately 11,000 pounds on the summer fishery catch limit. This amount is insufficient to allow any further openings in the all-depth fishery, so the all-depth fishery is now closed for the remainder of 2011.

A provision of the Catch Sharing Plan allows any remaining all-depth catch limit to be transferred to the central Oregon nearshore (less than 40 fathoms) fishery. The nearshore fishery had been previously closed in early July. With the transfer, the nearshore fishery will reopen on August 13. Fishing is allowed seven days a week, with a daily bag limit of one fish of any size, until the catch limit is reached. Anglers participating in the nearshore sport halibut fishery are advised to check State of Oregon sport fishing regulations for restrictions on the catch of other bottom fish in this area.

### The Area 2A Incidental Commercial Halibut Catch in the Salmon Troll Fishery

Since the July 29 reopening of the incidental halibut catch in the salmon troll fishery, 225 pounds of halibut have been landed. There are still 2,373 pounds remaining and the fishery will remain open until further notice.

### 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 last three 48-hour fishing periods, with opening dates of June 24, July 8, and July 22, had halibut catches by opening of 5,225, 3,828, and 2,039 pounds, respectively. After eight openings, a grand total of 40,213 pounds of halibut have been landed in 2011. The Metlakatla Indian Community and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will announce future halibut openings.

## Quota Share Commercial Fisheries Update

The 2011 quota share halibut fisheries opened on March 12. 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 August 14, 2011.

Area	Catch Limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of Landings
2C	2,330.0	1,709	852
3A	14,360.0	10,714	1,313
3B	7,510.0	4,977	459
4	8,310.0	5,031	2,142
Alaska total	32,510.0	22,431	4,766
2B	6,702.2	4,066	451
Grand Total	39,212.2	26,497	5,217

The catch from Alaskan waters represents 69% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 29.2 million pounds (69% of the 2010 catch limit) were landed in the Alaskan fishery by this same date in 2010; however, the opening date of the 2010 fishery occurred six days earlier in the year than that of the 2011 fishery. Thus, during the first 155 days of the 2010 Alaskan commercial halibut fishery, 27.9 million pounds (66% of the catch limit) were landed.

The catch from British Columbian waters represents 61% of the 2011 commercial fishery catch limit. For comparison, 4.9 million pounds (74% of the 2010 catch limit) were landed from Area 2B by this same date in 2010. Also, during the first 155 days of the 2010 IVQ fishery, 4.8 million pounds (73% of the catch limit) were landed.

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