



**State of the Fishery 2016**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide the Commission with an update on the key fishery statistics from fisheries catching Pacific halibut during the 2016 fishing season, including the status of landings compared to catch limits adopted by the Commission.

**BACKGROUND**

Preliminary 2016 Pacific Halibut Catch Limits and Landings (in net weight, lbs and mt)					
Regulatory Area	Catch Limit (pounds)	Landed (pounds)	Catch Limit (mt)	Landed (mt)	Percent Landed (%)
<b>Area 2A (California, Oregon, and Washington)</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>		<b>1,168,400</b>		<b>530.0</b>	
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>	<b>1,140,000</b>	<b>1,151,400</b>	<b>517.1</b>	<b>522.3</b>	<b>101%</b>
Non-treaty directed commercial (S of Pt. Chehalis)	193,364	198,000	87.7	89.8	102%
Non-treaty incidental catch in salmon troll fishery	34,123	26,000	15.5	11.8	76%
Non-treaty incidental catch in sablefish fishery (N of Pt. Chehalis)	49,686	30,000	22.5	13.6	60%
Treaty Indian commercial	365,100	361,000	165.6	163.7	99%
Treaty Indian ceremonial and subsistence (year-round)	33,900	33,900	15.4	15.4	100%
Sport - Washington	214,110	254,000	97.1	115.2	119%
Sport - Columbia River	11,009	11,900	5.0	5.4	108%
Sport - Oregon	209,068	207,000	94.8	93.9	99%
Sport - California	29,640	29,600	13.4	13.4	100%
Research	na	17,000	na	7.7	
<b>Area 2B (British Columbia) (includes sport catch allocation)</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>		<b>7,157,000</b>		<b>3246.4</b>	
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>	<b>7,300,000</b>	<b>7,067,000</b>	<b>3311.2</b>	<b>3205.5</b>	<b>97%</b>
Commercial	6,190,149	6,049,000	2807.8	2743.8	98%
Sports landings from commercial leasing (XRQ)	8,851	5,000	4.0	2.3	56%
Sport	1,061,000	1,013,000	481.3	459.5	95%
Research	na	90,000	na	40.8	
<b>Area 2C (southeastern Alaska) (combined commercial/guided sport)</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>		<b>6,149,000</b>		<b>2789.1</b>	
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>	<b>4,950,000</b>	<b>4,722,000</b>	<b>2245.3</b>	<b>2141.9</b>	<b>95%</b>
Commercial fishery (3,924,000 catch and 120,000 incidental)	3,997,000	3,891,000	1813.0	1764.9	97%
Sports landings from commercial leasing (GAF)	47,000	39,000	21.3	17.7	83%
Guided sport fishery	906,000	792,000	411.0	359.2	87%
Unguided sport fishery	na	1,308,000	na	593.3	
Research	na	119,000	na	54.0	
<b>Area 3A (central Gulf of Alaska) (combined commercial/guided sport)<sup>1</sup></b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>		<b>11,023,000</b>		<b>5000.0</b>	
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>	<b>9,600,000</b>	<b>9,229,000</b>	<b>4354.5</b>	<b>4186.2</b>	<b>96%</b>
Commercial fishery (7,336,000 catch and 450,000 incidental)	7,776,000	7,256,000	3527.1	3291.3	93%
Sports landings from commercial leasing (GAF)	10,000	9,000	4.5	4.1	90%
Guided sport fishery	1,814,000	1,964,000	822.8	890.9	108%
Unguided sport fishery	na	1,528,000	na	693.1	
Research	na	266,000	na	120.7	



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<b>Area 3B (western Gulf of Alaska)</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>			<b>2,751,000</b>		<b>1247.8</b>
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>		<b>2,710,000</b>	<b>2,637,000</b>	<b>1229.2</b>	<b>1196.1</b> <b>97%</b>
Commercial		2,710,000	2,637,000	1229.2	1196.1    97%
Unguided sport fishery		na	5,000	na	2.3
Research		na	109,000	na	49.4
<b>Area 4A (eastern Aleutians)</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>			<b>1,387,000</b>		<b>629.1</b>
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>		<b>1,390,000</b>	<b>1,343,000</b>	<b>630.5</b>	<b>609.2</b> <b>97%</b>
Commercial		1,390,000	1,343,000	630.5	609.2    97%
Unguided sport fishery (all Area 4)		na	12,000	na	5.4
Research		na	32,000	na	14.5
<b>Area 4B (central/western Aleutians)</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>			<b>1,117,000</b>		<b>506.7</b>
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>		<b>1,140,000</b>	<b>1,089,000</b>	<b>517.1</b>	<b>494.0</b> <b>96%</b>
Commercial		1,140,000	1,089,000	517.1	494.0    96%
Research		na	28,000	na	12.7
<b>Areas 4CDE</b>					
<i>Grand Total</i>			<b>1,482,000</b>		<b>672.2</b>
<i>Total landed against catch limit</i>		<b>1,660,000</b>	<b>1,461,000</b>	<b>753.0</b>	<b>662.7</b> <b>88%</b>
Area 4C (Pribilof Islands) - commercial		733,600	402,000	332.8	182.3    55%
Area 4D (northwestern Bering Sea) - commercial		733,600	939,000	332.8	425.9 <b>128%</b>
Area 4E (Bering Sea flats) - commercial		192,800	120,000	87.5	54.4    62%
Research		na	21,000	na	9.5

Research landings included in grand total but not in total landed against catch limit allocations.

AK Sport Area 4 - all Area 4 Unguided Sport included under Area 4A, which is likely the largest contributor.

Area 2B, 2C, 3A - GAF and XRQ fish - GAF and XRQ catch limit comes out of commercial amount. Unused GAF are returned to the commercial fishery in September, or automatically 15 days before the end of the commercial halibut season. Unused XRQ fish are carried over to next year.

## RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2016-IM092-04 which provided the Commission with an update on the key fishery statistics from fisheries catching Pacific halibut during the 2016 fishing season, including the status of landings compared to catch limits adopted by the Commission.