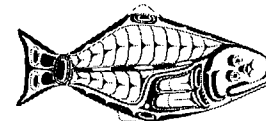


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New British Columbia Tag Releases

During June and July of 1988, the International Pacific Halibut Commission carried out a special research tagging operation in the eastern end of Dixon Entrance. During two research cruises, over 2600 Pacific halibut were tagged and released from a small fishing ground. We hope to use information from the recoveries of these fish to better understand the dynamics of the Area 2B halibut population, specifically regarding movements of fish and exploitation rates in this area. We are particularly interested in recoveries of these tagged fish from the fall commercial opening in Area 2B.

When you catch a tagged halibut during this or any other opening, please leave the tag on the fish and tie a gangion around the tail and through the gill flap. IPHC personnel in Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Bellingham, and Blaine will be available to remove the tags and take capture information. If you sell at other ports or are unable to locate an IPHC representative at the time of sale, remove the tag and send it with the capture date, location, and depth to the IPHC office in Seattle. If possible, also include the fork length ((fork of the tail to tip of the snout) of the fish. All tag recoveries will be rewarded with \$5.00 or a tag reward hat (please specify).

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