

## **2008 Tribal Halibut Summary**

The 2008 treaty halibut allocation was 427,000 lbs of which 397,000 lbs was assigned to the commercial total allowable catch (TAC) and 30,000 lbs was set aside for the ceremonial and subsistence (C&S) fishery.

The commercial fishery was structured into “separately managed” fisheries wherein certain percentage limits of the TAC were separated into regional management groupings. These could be harvested any time between noon on March 8<sup>th</sup> and noon on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2008. Collectively, the separately managed fisheries accounted for 75%, or 290,250 lbs. of the 2008 Tribal Commercial TAC. The separately managed fisheries landed 326,133 lbs in 385 landings.

The other commercial fishery is intended to provide a 40 day continuous opportunity using the remaining 25% of the TAC which is open to all Halibut fishing Tribes as a "joint restricted" fishery. The joint restricted fishery opened at noon on March 17<sup>th</sup> with a 500-lb/vessel/day limit and closed on April 15<sup>th</sup> due to an unexpected higher catch level in that fishery. The joint restricted fishery expected harvest was 99,250 lbs. and the recorded catch was 100,746 lbs in 356 landings.

The total tribal commercial catch in 2008 was 426,879 lbs – which resulted in an unanticipated overage of 29,879 lbs for the Tribal Commercial TAC. The final catch update is attached, which shows landings by fishery and tribe. The C&S fishery will continue through December 31.

The tribes will continue to work internally with each other to improve coordination of in-season management and to avoid overages in future halibut fisheries. We are also working closely with the IPHC staff on getting better data on the halibut populations in area 2A to improve abundance estimates.

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## Memorandum

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 From: Sandy Zeiner, Coastal Regional Biologist  
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**FINAL**

These are catch statistics reported by the tribes to the NWIFC

Total Tribal Commercial Halibut Landings		
2008 Commercial Halibut Allocation:	<b>397,000</b>	Pounds
Separately Managed Fishery expected catch:	<b>297,750</b>	Pounds
Restricted Fishery expected catch:	<b>99,250</b>	Pounds

### Total Halibut Catch by Fishery and Tribe

Separately Managed Fishery		
Tribes	Catch (pounds)	No. of landings
Hoh	0	0
Jamestown	0	0
Lower Elwha	900	5
Lummi	16,280	53
Makah	181,463	229
Nooksack	282	2
Port Gamble	0	0
Quileute	47,360	25
Quinault	76,421	62
Skokomish	0	0
Suquamish	0	0
Swinomish	3,427	9
Tulalip	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,133</b>	<b>385</b>

Restricted Fishery	
Catch (pounds)	No. of landings
0	0
381	3
2,642	18
30,064	135
63,681	179
861	5
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
52	1
3,065	15
0	0
<b>100,746</b>	<b>356</b>

Season	Pounds
Allocation:	<b>397,000</b>
Total Harvest:	<b>426,879</b>
Remaining:	<b>-29,879</b>

Reported Weights are dressed weights adjusted (reduced) by 2% for ice and slime.  
 Head on and gutted weight x .90 = head off gutted weight;  
 Head off gutted weight x .98 = adjusted dressed weight