

IPHC Catch Limit Comment Form

Comment on Regulatory Area: 2A/2B/2C/3A/3B/4A/4B/4CDE Year: 2006
(Circle all that apply)

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1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal?

for Area 2B - 10 million lbs.
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2. What is the supporting information for this recommendation (e.g., catch rates, biomass trends, recruitment, etc.)? Please be specific where possible.

Current sampling from charter boats corroborate the results of my fishing effort over the past 3 seasons. That is, declining CPUE over much of inside areas in the spring and summer fisheries. Anecdotal information from other fishermen in Dixon Entrance and Hecate straits report similar declining catches. We agree large amounts of juveniles take a year less production to allow them to become available.

Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by December 31, 2004 will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. Remember to include contact information and signature.

My logbooks are available and will show I have fished in the exact same setline areas for many years. Declines in CPUE are clearly evident. Creates more pressure on juvenile fish and rockfish to catch quotas. Also smaller trips mean more trips and the associated costs involved with more fishing.