

DEC 31 2007

## IPHC Catch Limit Comment Form

Comment on Regulatory Area: 2A/2B/2C/3A/3B/4A/4B/4CDE Year: 2008  
(Circle all that apply)

## Submission Information (Please print or type)

Name: JAY M. HAUN OWNER/OPERATOR FU/GENNABAR  
Affiliation: RC HALIBUT IFQ HOLDER  
Address: 4055 SWEETWATER ROAD  
City: BOW State/Prov.: WA Postal/ZIP Code: 98232  
Telephone: 360-724-3191 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: haunfamily1@verizon.com  
Signature: Jay Haun

1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal?

*See attached letter*

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

*See attached letter/observation*

Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by December 31, 2007 will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. **Remember to include contact information and signature.**

December 26, 2007

International Pacific Halibut Commission  
P.O. Box 95009  
Seattle, WA 98145

RE: Area 2C Catch Limit Recommendations: 2008 Annual Meeting

Gentlemen:

As an Area 2C halibut quota share holder, I believe the abundance in Area 2C is down and that the stock needs to be protected.

Prior to the IFQ program, the abundance in 2C was high, especially in later summer. Now, with constant pressure on the resource, fewer fish reach the eastern areas. Starting the season earlier may have helped the market, but also seemed to coincide with the drop in Area 2 abundance.

I think the IPHC should consider the timing and length of the season in western areas as possible reasons for Area 2 low abundance. If the resource is going to be caught in the western areas before the halibut can migrate east, cutting the quota in Area 2 puts an unfair responsibility to protect the resource on Area 2 quota share holders.

Sincerely,



Jay M. Haun  
Owner/Operator  
FVCINNABAR

encl

JMH:bkh