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# 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)

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1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal? *I recommend that the IPHC staff proposed catch limits for areas 3B, 4A & 4B for the 2008 season be adopted as written. There seems to be a movement by some fishermen to want to have no increases in these westward areas. Westward fishermen have taken quite a few cuts in the recent past, and we would like any increases in catch that the IPHC is proposing, based on the best science available.*

2. What is the supporting information for this recommendation (e.g., catch rates, biomass trends, recruitment, etc.)? Please be specific where possible. *My supporting information is that we fishermen should leave the catch recommendations well enough alone, and let the science determine our catches equally in all areas, whether they be increases or decreases. Fishermen usually don't do a very good job of preserving the health of any fishery that they have managed for catch, politics & social engineering will not do halibut stocks any good. Go with the science!*

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.**