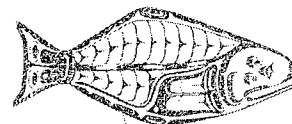


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STOCK ASSESSMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM  
DETAILED CATCH INFORMATION

In 1963, the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) began an extensive research survey of halibut stocks with chartered vessels using setline gear. Stations were established in a grid-type pattern in sampling areas in the Hecate Strait-Queen Charlotte Sound region of Area 2 and from Kodiak Island west to Umnak Island in Area 3. These areas were fished from 1963 to 1966. The survey was resumed in 1976 on an annual basis; however, only the Hecate Strait-Queen Charlotte Sound and Portlock-Albatross sampling areas have been fished. Although the purpose of the program was to provide data on halibut stocks in each region, detailed information on abundance of halibut at specific locations was also obtained.

This information is currently available upon request to assist fishermen in locating productive grounds. The results from the survey have been summarized for the following areas and years: Hecate Strait-Queen Charlotte Sound (1965, 1966, 1976, 1977, 1978); Portlock-Albatross Grounds (1963, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979); Kodiak Island to Shumagin Islands (1964); Shumagin Islands to Umnak Island (1965). Figures and tables indicate the position, depth and catch at each station. Requests for information on specific years and sampling areas may be made to the IPHC office in Seattle.