

Addendum to C8: Description of Halibut CDQ Seasons Based on Landings October 2014

The Environmental Assessment/ Regulatory Impact Review on the Pacific Cod CDQ Fishery Development describes an option (Option 3) to the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4), that would allow for a small vessel hook-and-line Pacific cod directed fishery outside of the IPHC halibut CDQ season. When the halibut season is not open, the participants of a directed Pacific cod CDQ fishery would be required to discard all halibut catch and a Prohibited Species catch rate would be debited from that CDQ group's Prohibited Species Quota. The analysis discusses the details of the catch accounting process that could ensue should a Pacific cod CDQ fishery occur outside of the IPHC established halibut season established for IFQ/CDQ, which generally ranges from mid-March to mid-November (as see in Table 1).

Table 1. Season dates for fishing Pacific halibut under the IFQ and CDQ programs

Fishing Year	Season Begin Date	Season End Date
2008	8-Mar	15-Nov
2009	21-Mar	15-Nov
2010	6-Mar	15-Nov
2011	12-Mar	18-Nov
2012	17-Mar	7-Nov
2013	23-Mar	7-Nov
2014	8-Mar	7-Nov

Source: NOAA Restricted Access Management

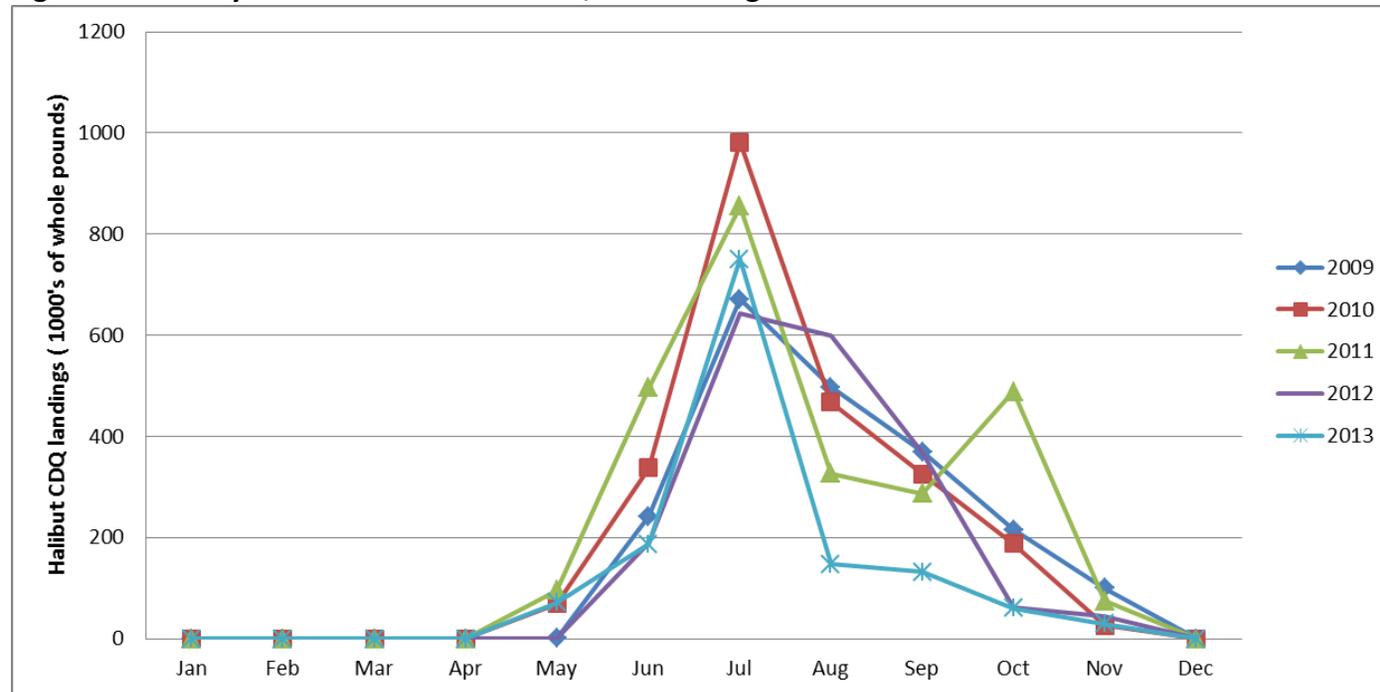
Since the release of the analysis, representatives from the CDQ groups have conveyed concern about the difference between the IPHC-established halibut season and the halibut CDQ season internally-established by each CDQ group's management. These internally-established seasons are often a truncated version of the IPHC season. This truncation can depend on many factors, for example, weather and ocean conditions, processing availability, and efforts made to plan around the opening of other fisheries. This addendum contains descriptive information on the length of these seasons based on actual landings data.

Table 2. Distribution of Halibut CDQ landings, 2009 through 2013

Year	Halibut CDQ (whole pounds)	Earliest landing	5% harvested	50% harvested	95% harvested	Latest landing
2009	2,095,798	31-May	23-Jun	9-Aug	11-Oct	19-Nov
2010	2,395,037	14-May	9-Jun	26-Jul	10-Oct	17-Nov
2011	2,624,062	5-May	1-Jun	27-Jul	19-Oct	16-Nov
2012	1,906,246	27-May	27-Jun	8-Aug	1-Oct	11-Nov
2013	1,377,087	2-May	15-May	17-Jul	4-Oct	7-Nov

Source: ADF&G Fish Tickets

Figure 1. Monthly catch rate of halibut CDQ, 2009 through 2013



Source: ADF&G Fish Tickets

Table 3. Length of halibut CDQ season by CDQ group, 2009 through 2013

Year	CDQ Group Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2009	Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association												
	Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation												
	Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association												
	Coastal Villages Region Fund												
	Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation												
	Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association												
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