

Shea sides with commercial halibut fishermen

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A battle has been underway for months between commercial and recreational Pacific halibut fishermen about sharing of the reduced B.C. halibut quota. The recreational sector had been fighting for a bigger share of B.C.'s total allowable halibut catch. The group represents individual anglers and groups like charter boat owners and fishing lodges. Fisheries Minister Shea announced that the commercial fleet will keep 88 per cent of the catch in 2011 and the sports fishery 12 per cent. She threw the recreational group a bone by allowing them to lease quota from the commercial sector at market rates. But the recreational sector is not pleased by her failure to address their concerns.

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