

THE SHIP HAS HIT THE SAND

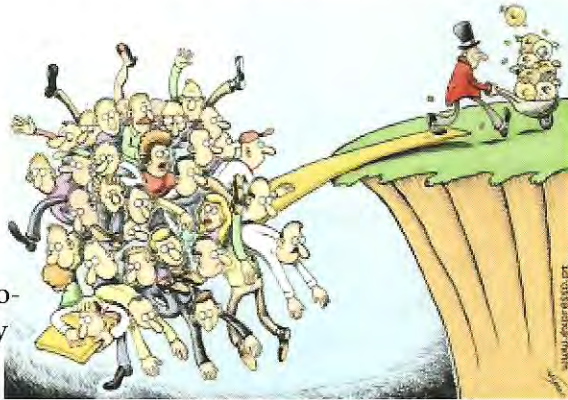
By now you have likely heard that DFO is proposing to implement a mid-season public halibut fishing closure in 2011. DFO says that such a move is needed to protect the interests of the 436 commercial halibut quota holders to whom it has gifted 88% of Canada's Total Allowable Catch of Pacific halibut. As an alternative, DFO is suggesting that ordinary Canadians who would like to go fishing after the closure should arrange to purchase quota (or the right to try and catch a fish) from one of Canada's 436 private quota holders who got their quota for free. We hope that this session will help you become more informed about how a small group of private businessmen.....the majority of whom do not actually fish....are being aided by DFO in their efforts to extract new resource rents from you, the angling public.

LEARN ABOUT HOW THE ISSUE AFFECTS YOU!

Simply put, DFO has a bias towards the commercial fishery because it's easier to manage 140 commercial boats than oversee 100,000 recreational halibut anglers in the public fishery.

Unfortunately, the "easiest" path for DFO results in reduced government revenues, reduced sport fishing tourism and, most importantly, an expropriation of Canadians' right to harvest their fish!

DFO acknowledges it understands little about the economic or social value of recreational halibut fishing, but still goes to great lengths to justify the importance of commercial quota.



IT IS YOUR TIME TO HAVE A SAY!

The members of this alliance have been fighting halibut allocation for nearly a decade.

Since the 88/12 decision was made, every Fisheries Minister has promised to ensure that quota is efficiently transferred between the sector so that recreational anglers can enjoy a reasonable, predictable season.

Sadly, these promises were made in vain and DFO has demonstrated that it only responds to well-financed lobbying efforts or public outrage.

If halibut fishing matters to you, please get involved and make yourself heard!

84%
of the operational
costs for commercial
halibut fishers are
quota leasing fees

WHO DO YOU THINK IS IN CHARGE?

SLIPPER SKIPPERS?



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All letters to MP's should also be cc'd to DFO Minister Gail Shea.
Better still, write a separate letter to Gail Shea as well, and cc your MP!

Honorable Gail Shea
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What about conservation?

- Canadian TAC's are established each year by the IPHC.
- 87 year old commission focused on science and stock management of Pacific Halibut.
- The IPHC Canadian TAC is considered by all sectors to be sustainable.
- 88\12 is only about dividing up that sustainable Canadian TAC between sectors.
- SFAB is not advising fishing above Canadian TAC.
- 88\12 **IS ALLOCATION, NOT CONSERVATION!**

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