

15 Annual Halibut Ex-Vessel Prices

The term “ex-vessel” refers to activities that occur when a commercial fishing vessel lands or offloads a catch. For example, the price received by a captain (at the point of landing) for the unprocessed catch is an *ex-vessel* price.

This chapter provides annual estimated ex-vessel prices by IFQ management area, including statewide estimates, during 1992 through 2011. The State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) is the source for these data. The commission collects summary data from permit holder fish ticket landing records. NMFS-RAM uses CFEC data for Table 15-1, which provides annual ex-vessel price estimates for the 17-year reporting period. Although the primary source for the estimates comes from fish tickets, CFEC also uses ADF&G Commercial Operator's Annual Reports to calculate ex-vessel price estimates.

Estimated prices in Table 15-1 reflect all IFQ and Community Development Quota (CDQ) program commercial delivery/condition types and weighted average ex-vessel prices reported for all fixed-gear types, including longline, troll, jig, handline, and pot. These estimates reflect catcher-vessel deliveries to shoreside processors for commercial catches (IFQ Community Development Quota (CDQ) program) only and exclude harvests from discards, test fishing, confiscated catch, personal use, and other unsold harvests.

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) program provides residents of Alaska's Bering Sea coast region an opportunity to participate and share in a portion of the halibut fishery, by allocating a portion of the halibut catch limit to the CDQ program, among several other fisheries. All halibut available for commercial harvest in area 4E is assigned to the CDQ Program.

In Table 15-1, prices in Area 4E reflect a narrower range in ex-vessel prices from 1992 through 2011, compared with ex-vessel prices in all other statewide areas. Prices in Area 4E ranged from \$0.78 in 1998 to \$4.28 in 2011. Area 3A had the widest range of prices of statewide management areas, with prices ranging from \$0.96 in 1992 to \$6.29 in 2011.

Table 15-1 shows estimated ex-vessel prices were highest during the last six years in Areas 2C, 3A, and 3B, with the highest ex-vessel price of \$6.47 in Areas 4A for 2011. Over the entire 20 years, the lowest ex-vessel price was in Area 4E during 1998 when the estimated price was \$0.78. In the same year outside the CDQ areas, the lowest price was \$1.07 in Area 4A. Generally, ex-vessel prices rose in gradual increments in each management area, except that prices declined in all areas during 1998 and 2001 then quickly rebounded.

Table 15-1 Halibut estimated ex-vessel prices by management area and year, including annual statewide estimates, 1992–2011.

IPHC Area	Year	Estimated ex-vessel price	IPHC Area	Year	Estimated ex-vessel price	IPHC Area	Year	Estimated ex-vessel price
2C	1992	1.01		1994	1.92	4D Cont.	1997	1.99
	1993	1.27		1995	1.89		1998	1.01
	1994	2.01		1996	2.05		1999	1.90
	1995	2.04		1997	2.03		2000	2.50
	1996	2.26		1998	1.07		2001	1.93
	1997	2.24		1999	1.90		2002	2.11
	1998	1.39		2000	2.50		2003	2.63
	1999	1.99		2001	1.96		2004	2.84
	2000	2.62		2002	2.20		2005	2.70
	2001	2.11		2003	2.87		2006	3.64
	2002	2.22		2004	2.89		2007	4.00
	2003	2.95	2005	2.92	2008	3.85		
	2004	3.04	2006	3.73	2009	2.63		
2005	3.08	2007	4.28	2010	4.49			
2006	3.75	2008	3.98	2011	6.40			
2007	4.41	2009	2.70	4E	1992	1.10		
2008	4.33	2010	4.56		1993	1.14		
2009	3.08	2011	6.47		1994	1.13		
2010	4.71	4B	1992		0.94	1995	1.23	
2011	6.29		1993		1.28	1996	1.21	
3A	1992		0.96		1994	1.88	1997	1.33
	1993		1.21		1995	1.85	1998	0.78
	1994		1.91		1996	1.92	1999	1.37
	1995		1.99		1997	1.94	2000	2.01
	1996		2.24		1998	0.99	2001	1.40
	1997		2.16		1999	1.66	2002	2.05
	1998		1.36	2000	2.13	2003	1.80	
	1999		2.09	2001	1.73	2004	1.95	
	2000		2.60	2002	2.14	2005	2.16	
	2001	2.03	2003	2.53	2006	3.32		
	2002	2.23	2004	2.62	2007	3.98		
	2003	2.89	2005	2.61	2008	3.58		
	2004	3.04	2006	3.43	2009	2.48		
2005	3.07	2007	3.90	2010	3.21			
2006	3.78	2008	3.64	2011	4.28			
2007	4.40	2009	2.68	Year	Estimated Statewide Ex-Vessel Price			
2008	4.40	2010	4.24	1992	0.96			
2009	3.12	2011	6.04	1993	1.23			
2010	4.69	4C	1992	0.93	1994	1.93		
2011	6.33		1993	1.08	1995	1.97		
3B	1992		0.93	1994	1.85	1996	2.19	
	1993		1.21	1995	1.79	1997	2.13	
	1994		1.90	1996	1.96	1998	1.29	
	1995		1.95	1997	1.87	1999	2.00	
	1996		2.16	1998	0.92	2000	2.52	
	1997		2.08	1999	1.45	2001	1.99	
	1998		1.27	2000	2.08	2002	2.19	
	1999		2.06	2001	1.77	2003	2.84	
	2000		2.55	2002	1.48	2004	2.97	
	2001	2.00	2003	2.12	2005	3.00		
	2002	2.20	2004	2.69	2006	3.49		
	2003	2.87	2005	2.35	2007	4.33		
	2004	2.96	2006	2.52	2008	4.27		
2005	3.01	2007	3.51	2009	3.01			
2006	3.78	2008	3.64	2010	4.62			
2007	4.30	2009	2.11	2011	6.29			
2008	4.33	2010	3.89					
2009	3.02	2011	5.69					
2010	4.65	4D	1992	0.94				
2011	6.34		1993	1.23				
4A	1992		0.94	1994	1.90			
	1993		1.25	1995	1.88			
			1996	2.03				

Note: The IFQ Program started in 1995.
2012 not available at this time.

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