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To Whom It May Concern:

This Permit is issued to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC) to enable the catch and retention of live Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) for research on the impacts of ocean acidification on juvenile Pacific halibut. Permission is extended for fishing activities as follows:

- 1) **Activity:** Collection and live retention of Pacific halibut for experimental purposes;
- 2) **Location:** Kodiak Island, Alaska, USA (collection)
- 3) **Total number of Pacific halibut permitted:** up to 200 age-0 Pacific halibut, <100 mm total length
- 4) **Permissible fishing gear:** 2-metre beam trawl
- 5) **Permissible time period:** 1 July 2026 – 31 August 2026 (collection);
- 6) **Principal investigator:** Thomas Hurst (NOAA)
- 7) **Vessel:** R/V Nudibranch (docno: F2806)

Pacific halibut obtained under this permit may not be retained for purposes other than the scientific research described herein.

- 1) Up to 200 age-0 Pacific halibut may be captured and kept live at NOAA's laboratory in Newport, Oregon. Fish may be retained through to the end of the project period (expected Sep 2028).
- 2) No Pacific halibut retained for research will be released back to the wild.
- 3) Pacific halibut not retained for the study may be measured for length and must be released overboard as soon as possible after the trawl net is dumped.

Pacific halibut captured but not used in the study specified in this permit must be returned to the sea with a minimum of delay and injury. Numbers and estimated weight of Pacific halibut caught and retained/released shall be reported to the IPHC.

David T. Wilson

16/04/2026

David T. Wilson, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Date



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IPHC PERMIT TYPE [RESEARCH] PERMIT NUMBER [IPHC-2026005-RP]

In conformity with the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Fishery Regulations (2026)
the Vessel [**NUDIBRANCH**] Official Number [**F2806**] of the USCG Registry
is hereby permitted to conduct Pacific halibut research in [**IPHC REG AREA 3A**]
subject to any laws or regulations of Canada and/or the United States of America.

Valid [1 JUL – 31 AUG 2026] Date of Issue [16 APR 2026]