



**IPHC Fishery Regulation Proposal:  
Logs (Sect 20) – Logs requirements**

**SUBMITTED BY: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (NOAA-FISHERIES) (22 DECEMBER 2022)**

Directed Commercial  Recreational  Subsistence  Non-directed commercial  All   
All Regulatory Areas  All Alaska Regulatory Areas  All U.S. Regulatory Areas   
2A  2B  2C  3A  3B  4A  4B  4C  4D  4E

**PURPOSE**

To propose an update to IPHC regulatory language regarding the qualifying logbooks in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This proposal would revise the list of logbooks listed in Section 20(1) of IPHC regulations that can fulfill IPHC log requirements in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A. The National Marine Fisheries Service recently published a rule ([87 FR 59724](#); with correction [87 FR 74328](#)) implementing a new federal logbook requirement, effective January 1, 2023, for certain vessels in the Pacific Coast Groundfish fishery. Without adding this new logbook to the list of eligible IPHC Regulatory Area 2A logbooks, operators will be required to fill out two different logbooks. Additionally, the WDFW Voluntary Sablefish logbook is replaced by this new federal logbook and so should be removed from the list. There are no known drawbacks to this revision and would benefit certain vessel operators by relieving the need to produce duplicative logs. The new logbook includes all the data fields required for IPHC reporting and would be readily available to the authorized representatives of the IPHC at the time of landing for inspection.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** IPHC Fishery Regulation proposal IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB4, which proposes an update to IPHC regulatory language regarding the qualifying logbooks in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.
- 2) should the proposal IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB4 be adopted, **RECOMMEND** that the IPHC work with NOAA Fisheries on data sharing arrangement to retrieve Pacific halibut data submitted via Pacific Coast Groundfish non-trawl logbook.

**APPENDICES**

[Appendix A](#): Suggested Regulatory Language.

**APPENDIX A****SUGGESTED REGULATORY LANGUAGE****20. Logs**

- (1) The operator of any U.S. vessel fishing for Pacific halibut that has an overall length of 26 feet (7.9 meters) or greater shall maintain an accurate log of Pacific halibut fishing operations. The operator of a vessel fishing in waters in and off Alaska must use one of the following logbooks: the Groundfish/IFQ Longline and Pot Gear Daily Fishing Logbook, in electronic or paper form, provided by NOAA Fisheries; the Alaska hook-and-line logbook provided by Petersburg Vessel Owners Association or Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association; the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) longline-pot logbook; or the logbook provided by IPHC. The operator of a vessel fishing in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A must use either the ~~WDFW Voluntary Sablefish Logbook~~, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Fixed Gear Logbook, **Pacific Coast Groundfish non-trawl logbook provided by NOAA Fisheries**, or the logbook provided by IPHC.