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QUESTIONS ABOUT SPORT CHARTER IFQS FOR AREAS 2C AND 3A SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) has recently adopted a plan for an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program for the sport charter fishery for halibut in Areas 2C (Southeast Alaska) and 3A (Southcentral Alaska). Certain elements of the program refer to participation during 1995-1997, a period when the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) required that all sport charter vessels carry an IPHC license. A decision is expected in the next few months whether the IPHC license will be used as proof of participation. If the IPHC license is used, IPHC will provide the necessary information to the allocating agency. Therefore, it is not necessary for individual sport charter vessel operators to request their licensing history from IPHC. Charter operators should phone the NPFMC (907-271-2809) or visit their internet web site (www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc) for further details of the program.

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