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To Whom It May Concern:

The Seward Halibut Tournament is authorized to capture, tag, and release up to 50 Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) for fishing tournament purposes, using traditional sport rod and reel fishing gear, during April – August, 2019. The place of capture will be near the port of Seward, Alaska. The tournament coordinator for this endeavor is Ms. Jen Leahy.

Pacific halibut obtained under this permit may not be retained for purposes other than the tournament tagging and may not be sold. Pacific halibut captured in excess of the limits specified in this permit must be returned to the sea with a minimum of delay and injury. In addition, length and release location for Pacific halibut tagged under this permit, as well as data on any tournament tag recoveries, will be recorded and provided to the IPHC by the tournament coordinator.

It should be noted that any recaptured Pacific halibut bearing Seward Halibut Tournament tags are not exempt from sport bag or possession limits, commercial fishery IFQ limits, or size limits as defined in the 2019 Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations, nor may they be retained outside of sport or commercial Pacific halibut fishing seasons; these exemptions only apply to recaptured fish bearing IPHC tags.

Sincerely,



David T. Wilson
Executive Director