

COMMISSIONERS:
ROBERT ALVERSON
SEATTLE, WA
NEIL DAVIS
VANCOUVER, BC
PETER DEGREEF
NORTH SAANICH, BC
CHRIS OLIVER
WASHINGTON, DC
PAUL RYALL
VANCOUVER, BC
RICHARD YAMADA
JUNEAU, AK

INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY A CONVENTION BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DAVID T. WILSON

2320 W. COMMODORE WY, STE 300
SEATTLE, WA 98199-1287

TELEPHONE:
(206) 634-1838

FAX:
(206) 632-2983

21 April 2020
EL2020034

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), in Newport, Oregon is hereby granted permission to collect and retain 250 live Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) for research purposes in 2020. These fish (age-0) will be collected from Chiniak Bay and inshore waters near Kodiak, Alaska, to be held at the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center (KFRC), and transported to the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport, Oregon. Collection and transport are to occur between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020. Fish will be collected using charter or AFSC vessels as specified by the responsible person at NMFS, Dr. Thomas Hurst, Program Manager of the Fisheries Behavior Ecology Program (541) 867-0222.

To further its collaboration with the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the AFSC is hereby granted permission to transfer to the Oregon Coast Aquarium up to 20 live Pacific halibut collected under this permit that are no longer necessary for the purposes of scientific research at AFSC. Transferred fish from AFSC to the Oregon Coast Aquarium may not be sold and must be used solely for educational purposes.

The AFSC is requested to notify the IPHC after each collection and transport of Pacific halibut to the KFRC and eventually to the AFSC. In addition, the AFSC is requested to notify the IPHC when the total number of Pacific halibut collected and transported to the AFSC is reached as well as the final number of Pacific halibut transferred to the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Finally, the AFSC is requested to provide the IPHC with a brief report summarizing the collection, transfer and research purpose and outcome (if available) of Pacific halibut at the AFSC by 31 December 2020.

Pacific halibut obtained under this permit may not be retained for purposes other than scientific research and/or educational purposes 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.

Sincerely,



David T. Wilson, Ph.D.
Executive Director