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To Whom It May Concern:

The Seward Halibut Tournament is authorized to capture, tag, and release up to 40 Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) for fishing tournament purposes, using traditional sport rod and reel fishing gear, during April-August 2020. The place of capture will be near the port of Seward, Alaska. The tournament coordinator for this endeavor is Mr. Jason Bickling.

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, fork 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 via email (Secretariat@iphc.int) by the tournament coordinator by 30 November 2020.

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 International Pacific Halibut Commission Regulations (2020) (<https://www.iphc.int/uploads/pdf/regs/iphc-2020-regs.pdf>) nor may they be retained outside of recreational or commercial Pacific halibut fishing seasons; these exemptions only apply to recaptured fish bearing IPHC tags.

Sincerely,



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