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To Whom It May Concern:

This Permit is issued to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), to enable the incidental catch of Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) during the NOAA Gulf of Alaska/Bering Sea trawl survey. Permission is extended for fishing activities as follows:

- 1) **Activity:** NOAA Standardized bottom trawl surveys for stock assessment of fish and invertebrate in Alaskan waters;
- 2) **Location:** Island of Four Mountains to Ketchikan and Eastern Bering Sea, Alaska, USA
- 3) **Total number of Pacific halibut permitted:** estimated 1,750 (in numbers)
- 4) **Permissible fishing gear:** trawl
- 5) **Permissible time period:** 15 May 2021 – 30 August 2021;
- 6) **Principal investigator:** Gerald R. Hoff (NOAA)

Pacific halibut obtained under this permit may not be retained for purposes other than scientific research described herein.

- 1) Up to ten (10) Pacific halibut per tow may be sacrificed for otolith collection, sex determination, and weight measurement.
- 2) Pacific halibut not sacrificed may be measured for length and released overboard as soon as possible after the catch is dumped.

Pacific halibut captured but not used in the study specified in this permit must be returned to the sea with a minimum of delay and injury. Numbers and estimated weight of Pacific halibut caught and released shall be reported to the IPHC.

David T. Wilson

11/05/2021

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Date