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To Whom It May Concern:

This Permit is issued to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in association with the Alaska Seafood Cooperative (ASC), to enable a collaborative study with Amendment 80 fishermen of Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) excluders in the Bering Sea flatfish trawl fishery. Permission is extended for exempted fishing activities as follows:

- 1) **Activity:** to explore improved excluder device designs to minimize Pacific halibut catch during non-directed trawl fisheries;
- 2) **Location:** Bering Sea, Alaska, USA;
- 3) **Total number of Pacific halibut permitted:** None, no Pacific halibut may be retained;
- 4) **Permissible fishing gear:** Non-pelagic otter trawl;
- 5) **Permissible time period:** 1 August 2021 through 31 December 2021;
- 6) **Principal investigator:** John Gauvin, Principle Investigator (ASC)

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

- 1) Approximately one hundred (100) 1-cm² fin clips may be collected for genetic sex-determination; following which the Pacific halibut must be returned to the sea with no further delay or injury.

Pacific halibut captured and not used in the study specified in this permit must be returned to the sea with a minimum of delay and injury as required by IPHC Fishery Regulations (2021).

David T. Wilson

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Executive Director

22/04/2021

Date



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IPHC PERMIT TYPE [RESEARCH] PERMIT NUMBER [IPHC-2021002-RP]

In conformity with the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Fishery Regulations (2021)

the Vessel [NORTH STAR] Official Number [1267875] of the USCG Registry
is hereby permitted to conduct Pacific halibut research in [BERING SEA]
subject to any laws or regulations of Canada and/or the United States of America.

Valid [1 AUG 2021 – 31 DEC 2021] Date of Issue [22 APR 2021]