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# INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION

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To Whom It May Concern:

This permit is issued to the Oregon Coast Aquarium to enable the capture and captivity of Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) for science education purposes. Permission is extended for activities as follows:

- 1) **Activity:** to capture and retain specimens of Pacific halibut for educational purposes;
- 2) **Location:** Newport, OR, USA;
- 3) **Total number of Pacific halibut permitted:** 12
- 4) **Permissible fishing gear:** Hook-and-line
- 5) **Permissible time period:** 1 May 2022 through 31 December 2022;
- 6) **Principal contact:** James Burke, (541) 867-3474

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

- 1) A maximum of twelve (12) Pacific halibut (60-90 cm fork length) will gently be restrained in a stretcher and have their hook clipped and removed, then placed in a 1500 liter oval live tank with oxygen injection and O<sub>2</sub> levels kept a 125%-150% concentration and transported up to 2 hours by boat back to the Aquarium's quarantine facility where they will be held and observed in a 20'x40'x5' recirculating tank and acclimated for no less than 30 days. Then upon clearing quarantine and medical exam, they will enter Oregon Coast Aquarium's "Halibut Flats" exhibit that is 260,000 gallons and 26' deep with full recirculation and chilling capacity.

Pacific halibut captured but not used in the study specified in this permit must be returned to the sea with a minimum of delay or injury as required by IPHC Fishery Regulations (2022).

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