



**IPHC Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations:
Licensing Vessels for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (Sect. 15)**

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Explanatory Memorandum

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Three vessel owners recommended the following licence application deadline date change, in order to participate in the incidental Pacific halibut catch to sablefish fishery for the remainder of the 2020 fishing season:

Remove or update the deadline date for when a vessel operating in the incidental catch fishery during the sablefish fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A must have submitted its “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form.

Suggested Regulatory Language

15. Licensing Vessels for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A

- (1) No person shall fish for Pacific halibut from a vessel, nor possess Pacific halibut on board a vessel, used either for commercial fishing or as a charter vessel in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A, unless the Commission has issued a license valid for fishing in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A in respect of that vessel.
- (2) A license issued for a vessel operating in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A shall be valid only for operating either as a charter vessel or a commercial vessel, but not both.
- (3) A vessel with a valid IPHC Regulatory Area 2A commercial license cannot be used to recreationally (sport) fish for Pacific halibut in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.
- (4) A license issued for a vessel operating in the commercial fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A shall be valid for one of the following:
 - (a) the directed commercial fishery during the fishing periods specified in paragraph (4) of section 9;
 - (b) the incidental catch fishery during the sablefish fishery specified in paragraph (5) of section 9; or
 - (c) the incidental catch fishery during the salmon troll fishery specified in paragraph (6) of section 9.
- (5) A vessel with a valid license for the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A incidental catch fishery during the sablefish fishery described in paragraph (4)(b) may also apply for or be issued a license for the directed commercial fishery described in paragraph (4)(a).
- (6) A license issued in respect to a vessel referred to in paragraph (1) of this section must be carried on board that vessel at all times and the vessel operator shall permit its inspection by any authorized officer.
- (7) The Commission shall issue a license in respect to a vessel from its office in Seattle, Washington, upon receipt of a completed “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form.
- (8) A vessel operating in the directed commercial fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A must have submitted its “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form no later than 2359 local time on 30 April, or the first weekday in May if 30 April is a Saturday or Sunday.
- (9) A vessel operating in the incidental catch fishery during the sablefish fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A must have submitted its “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form no later than 2359 local time on ~~15 March~~ **DD MMM**, or the next weekday in ~~March~~ **MMM** if ~~15 March~~ **DD MMM** is a Saturday or Sunday.
- (10) A vessel operating in the incidental catch fishery during the salmon troll fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A must have submitted its “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form no later than 2359 local time on 15 March, or the next weekday in March if 15 March is a Saturday or Sunday.
- (11) Applications are submitted on the IPHC Secretariat webpage.
- (12) Information on the “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form must be accurate.
- (13) The “Application for Vessel License for the Pacific Halibut Fishery” form shall be completed by the vessel owner.
- (14) Licenses issued under this section shall be valid only during the year in which they are issued.
- (15) A new license is required for a vessel that is sold, transferred, renamed, or for which the documentation is changed.
- (16) The license required under this section is in addition to any license, however designated, that is required under the laws of the United States of America or any of its States.
- (17) The United States of America may suspend, revoke, or modify any license issued under this section under policies and procedures in U.S. Code Title 15, CFR Part 904.