

IPHC Regulations Proposal Submission Form

Proposal Title: Elimination of Law requiring skin to be left on Halibut fillets. _____

Year Proposed For: 2017 _____

Submission Information (Please print or type)

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1. What is the definition and objective of the proposal?

To eliminate waste of halibut due to skin contaminating the fillet. Many boaters go out for 3 or 4 days and put their fillets in plastic bags on ice. If you leave any skin on it contaminates the whole bag with the skin slime which degrades the quality of the fillet.

2. Impacts: Describe who you think this proposed change might affect (include fishers, processors, agencies, and the public).

2a. Who might benefit from the proposed change?

Recreational boaters and anyone who fillets their halibut on the boat before returning to port. The Alaska Wildlife Troopers as they did not want this law in the first place, and will stand up at meeting to voice their opposition to this law as per conversation with ADF&G director.

2b. Who might suffer hardships or be worse off?

No one that I can think of. Whole halibut fillets are easily identifiable

3. Are there other solutions to the problem described above? If so, why were they rejected?

No.