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VESSEL CLEARANCES IN AREA 4

As referenced in IPHC halibut regulations, with the exception of some local Bering Sea fishermen, vessels fishing in Area 4 are required to clear before fishing and before unloading for each trip. Clearance forms are available from fish processors and other agents and starting in the year 2000, are coded with a unique clearance reference number specific to the issuing representative and clearance page. In case of questions about clearances, vessel operators should record this number for future reference. The IPHC will use this new coding system as a means of better tracking of clearances and vessels. Clearance responsibility rests with vessel operators.

Vessel clearances shall be obtained between 0600 and 1800 hours, local time.

Clearance locations and contacts for 2000 and a clearance summary are shown on the following tables:

Clearance locations and contacts for 2000

<p>DUTCH HARBOR Alyeska Seafoods Frank Kelty, Rocky Stonecipher PO Box 530 Unalaska, AK 99685 (907) 581-1211 Fax: 581- 1695</p> <p>Royal Aleutian Seafoods Steve Stubbe PO Box 920128 Dutch Harbor, AK, 99692-0128 (907) 581-1671 Fax: 581-1743</p> <p>Unisea Inc. Al Mendoza, Bill Ammons PO Box 920008 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 (907) 581-1258 Fax: 581-7228</p> <p>Westward Seafoods Inc. Jennifer Kelly PO Box 920608 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 (907) 581-1660 Fax: 581-1293</p>	<p>DUTCH HARBOR Prime Alaska Seafoods Zoya Johnson Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 (907) 581-4110 Fax: 581-4546</p>	<p>ST GEORGE City of St. George James Mercurief PO Box 929 St. George, AK 99591 (907) 859-2263 Fax: 859-2212 VHF Ch. 16</p>
	<p>AKUTAN Trident Seafoods Cindy Fay PO Box 9 Akutan, AK 99553 (907) 698-2211 Fax: 698-2236</p>	<p>ST PAUL Trident Seafoods PO Box 909 St. Paul, AK 99660 (907) 546-2377 Fax: 546-2585 VHF Ch. 73</p>
	<p>ADAK Adak Seafoods Marie Gill PO Box 1884 Adak, AK 99546 (907) 592-4193 Fax: 592-4241</p>	<p>Harbor Master Brett Wagner PO Box 901 St. Paul AK 99660 (907) 546-3140 Fax: 546-3186</p>
	<p>ATKA Atka Pride Seafoods Kathleen Nevzoroff PO Box 47071 Atka, AK 99547 (907) 839-2221 Fax: 839-2224 VHF Ch. 6</p>	

Allowed Clearances By Port		
Port	<i>To Fish In Area 4</i>	<i>To Unload and/or Departure From Area 4</i>
Akutan	4A	4A, 4C, 4D
Dutch Harbor	4A	4A, 4C, 4D
Atka (Nazan Bay)	4B	4B (VHF radio)
Adak	4B	4B (VHF radio)
St. Paul	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)
	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)	4C, 4D (VHF radio with visual contact)
Vessels With Observer	May clear at any listed port for all Areas (4A, 4B, 4C, 4D) at once	May clear at any listed port for all Areas (4A, 4B, 4C, 4D) at once

If you experience problems obtaining clearances, contact Shari Coleman at (907)-581-5263 in Dutch Harbor, Alaska or Morris Wade at (206)-634-1838 ext. 207 in the Seattle office.

Finally, throughout the year 2000, IPHC will notify NMFS Enforcement of irregularities in clearance requirements.