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VESSEL CLEARANCES IN IPHC AREA 4 FOR 2005

As referenced in Section 15 of the 2005 IPHC regulations, vessels fishing for halibut in IPHC Area 4 are required to clear before fishing and before unloading for each trip, with the exception of local Bering Sea fishers or vessels with an operating Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). Full details on the VMS requirements are available on the NOAA Office for Law Enforcement website (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/Alaska/vmsiphc.html>) or by phone at (907) 586-7225. In 2005, clearance regulations allow a vessel to clear simultaneously for Areas 4C and 4D. Clearance forms, which are available from fish processors and other agents, are coded with a unique clearance reference number specific to the issuing representative and clearance page. In case of questions regarding specific clearances and for documentation purposes, vessel operators should record this number for future reference. The IPHC will use this coding system to track 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 2005

Clearance Locations		
Dutch Harbor	Akutan	St George
Prime Alaska Seafoods Zoya Johnson PO Box 1112 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 (907) 581-4110 Fax: (907) 581-4546	Trident Seafoods David Abbasian PO Box 9 Akutan, AK 99553 (907) 698-2211 Fax: (907) 698-2236	Harbor Master, City of St. George PO Box 929 St. George, AK 99591 (907) 859-2711 Fax: (907) 859-2212 VHF Ch. 9, 12 or 16 Clearances during normal business hours, 0800 – 1700
	Adak	
	Adak Fisheries LLC Steve Stubbe PO Box 1998 Adak, AK 99546 (907) 592-4193 Fax: (907) 592-4241	
Unisea Inc. Al Mendoza, Derek Goto PO Box 920008 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 Al (907) 581-7317 cell: 359-7317 Derek (907) 581-7322 cell: 359-7322 Fax: (907) 581-7228	Atka (NazanBay)	St. Paul
	Atka Pride Seafoods PO Box 47071 Atka, AK 99547 (907) 839-2221 Fax: (907) 839-2224 VHF Ch. 6	Trident Seafoods Cindy Fay PO Box 909 St. Paul, AK 99660 (907) 546-2377 Fax: (907) 546-2585 VHF Ch. 73
Westward Seafoods Inc. Jennifer Kelly/Sharyn Kelly/Tiffany Sipes PO Box 920608 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 (907) 581-8232 Fax: (907) 581-1293 Cell: (907) 359-4141		

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

If you experience problems obtaining clearances, contact Lara Hutton at (206) 634-1838 ext. 207 in the IPHC's Seattle office.

Finally, throughout the year, IPHC will notify NOAA Office for Law Enforcement of irregularities in clearance requirements.