

Information Bulletin

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**COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF LOGBOOKS
FOR THE U.S. COMMERCIAL HALIBUT FISHERIES**

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) has collected logbook information since the 1930s. The catch per unit effort, gear, and location information from the logbook is essential for the annual stock assessment and aids in determining the condition of the halibut resource. We have been successful in managing the halibut resource primarily because of cooperation from participating harvesters.

The information needed for our analysis is indicated on the sample log sheet. IPHC regulations require the operators of any vessel commercially fishing for halibut, that has an overall length of 26 feet or greater, to maintain a logbook. The exception is that vessels incidentally retaining halibut during the Area 2A salmon troll fishery are not required to maintain a halibut logbook. Please complete your IPHC approved log as accurately, legibly, and completely as possible. Logs must be kept in the National Marine Fisheries Service IFQ daily fishing logbook, the Alaska hook-and-line logbook, Alaska Department Fish & Game longline-pot logbook, or the logbooks issued by the IPHC. Written logs, with all the elements listed in the example, provide us with the best possible information. For the 2007 season, we will have samplers in the ports listed below:

St. Paul	Kodiak
Dutch Harbor	Seward
Homer	Sitka
Juneau	Bellingham
Petersburg	Newport

Making your complete and legible log available to the port sampler is the most efficient way to provide accurate data for inclusion in the stock assessment. We assure you that all detailed trip information is kept strictly confidential. Working with the port samplers allows us to clarify questions we may have regarding the details of the log information. It also allows harvesters to provide direct feedback to the Commission and an opportunity to have any questions answered. If you need a new logbook, one can be obtained from any port sampler or from the Seattle Office. At the end of the fishing season if an IPHC port sampler has not already collected logbook information from some or all trips, please tear out the IPHC copy from your logbook or make a copy of the information and send it to the Seattle office.

Please refer to the next page for an example of a log sheet and the information we need for stock assessment. Please take care to print legibly and complete all required elements.

Thank you again for your continuing cooperation.

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IPHC HALIBUT LOGBOOK

Example

Complete this box for each page → TRIP# 2 PAGE: 1 of 1 VESSEL NAME: BLACKFISH STATE VESSEL#: 12345



US LOG FORM (DEC 2006)

Complete these boxes once for each trip

Captain's Name: JOHN JONES
 Captain's Name: JOHN JONES
 Crew Size (including Captain): 3
 IFQ# 1235 Name: MARY JONES
 IFQ# 2345 Name: MARY JONES
 IFQ# _____ Name: _____
 CDQ (check one) Yes No CDQ#: _____

GEAR ID: A B C D
 GEAR TYPE: FIXED HOOK AUTO LINE TROLL
 LENGTH OF SKATE (feet): 900
 HOOK: Size 3 Spacing (feet) 9 No. Per Skate 100
 Size 4 Spacing (feet) 3 No. Per Skate 300

IPHC Initials/#: CAPT.
 Date: 3/12/2007
 Sample Number: _____
 AREA 4 CLEARANCE NUMBER: 2006-4084
 TO OFFLOAD: 2006-5097

RECORD BY STRING (Beginning and End)

CATCH DATE Year <u>2006</u>	TIME SET/HAULED (optional)	BEGINNING OF STRING		END OF STRING		IPHC-Office Use Only
		Lat Long	or	Lat Long	or	
5 11		50°30' 179°56'E	or	50°32' 179°55'E	40-50	
5 11		50°31' 179°55'E	or	50°32' 179°53'E	115-139	
5 12		50°30' 179°53'W	or	50°33' 179°52'W	209-220	
5 12		50°29' 179°55'W	or	50°32' 179°55'W	220-282	
5 13		no fishing				
5 14		50°32' 179°56'E	or	50°31' 179°58'E	58-90	

GEAR ID	Hauled (IPHC-office only)	NUMBER OF SKATES	TARGET SPECIES	LEGAL-SIZED HALIBUT CATCH	SABLEFISH SOLD (check one)	WHALES SIGHTED WHILE HAULING
A		12	hal	6020		None
A		20	hal	10840		None
B		10	BC	850	4200	None
B		10	BC	1200	3950	None
A		12	hal	7550	150	None

SWIVELS (check one) Yes No BARBLESS HOOKS (check one) Yes No

Date of Sale: month 5 day 16 Dealer: Island Cold Storage Unloading Port: Adak Port Code: _____
 Weight Sold: 26543
 Retained Weight: (Personal Use) 28 Retained for future sale: (Code 87) _____

IPHC will forward AK Sablefish information to Sablefish Assessment, Atke Bay Lab

 Capt. signature

COMMENTS:

Gear	%	Hook Size	%
SS			
SN			

Complete at trip end