

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 2009 season, we will have samplers in the ports listed below:

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

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.

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 IFQ#: <u>1234</u>		Captain's Name: <u>JOHN JONES</u>	
Crew Size (including Captain): <u>3</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if same name as above	
IFQ# <u>1235</u>	Name:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
IFQ# <u>2345</u>	Name: <u>MARY JONES</u>		
IFQ#	Name:		
CDQ (check one) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDQ#:		

GEAR ID	GEAR TYPE					LENGTH OF SKATE (feet)	HOOK		
	CONV	FIXED HOOK TUB	AUTOLINE	SNAP	TROLL		HANDLINE	Size	Spacing (feet)
A		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				900	3	9	100
B		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				900	4	3	300
C									
D									

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

RECORD BY STRING (Beginning and End)

SWIVELS (check one) Yes No

BARBLESS HOOKS (check one) Yes No

CATCH DATE		TIME SET/HAULED (optional)	LOCATION				IPHC-Office Use Only	GEAR ID	Hauled (IPHC-office only)	NUMBER OF SKATES		TARGET SPECIES	Reason Code	LEGAL-SIZED HALIBUT CATCH		SABLEFISH SOLD (check one) Round Wt <input type="checkbox"/> Western cut <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern cut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHALES SIGHTED WHILE HAULING
Year	Month Day		BEGINNING OF STRING	END OF STRING	Beg/End DEPTH (Fath.)	Set				Lost (Leave blank if zero)	Net Lbs.			or Numbers	LBS. DISCARDED IN EXCESS OF IFQ		
2006	5 11		50°30' Lat 179°56'E Long	50°32' Lat 179°55'E Long	40-50		A		12	1	hal		6020			None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orca <input type="checkbox"/> Sperm <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 11		50°31' Lat 179°55'E Long	50°32' Lat 179°53'E Long	115-139		A		20		hal		10840			None <input type="checkbox"/> Orca <input type="checkbox"/> Sperm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 12		50°30' Lat 179°53'W Long	50°33' Lat 179°52'W Long	209-220		B		10		BC		850		4200	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orca <input type="checkbox"/> Sperm <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 12		50°29' Lat 179°55'W Long	50°32' Lat 179°55'W Long	220-282		B		10		BC		1200		3950	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orca <input type="checkbox"/> Sperm <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 13		no fishing													None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orca <input type="checkbox"/> Sperm <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	5 14		50°32' Lat 179°56'E Long	50°31' Lat 179°58'E Long	58-90		A		12		hal		7550		150	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orca <input type="checkbox"/> Sperm <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

Complete at trip end	Date of Sale		Dealer	Dealer Code	Unloading Port	Port Code	Weight Sold
	month	day					
	5	16	Island Cold Storage		Adak		26543

Include if available

Retained Weight: (Personal Use) → <u>28</u>	Retained for future sale: (Code 87) →
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IPHC will forward AK Sablefish information to Sablefish Assessment, Anke Bay Lab

COMMENTS:

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