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VESSEL CLEARANCES IN IPHC AREA 4 FOR 2011

As referenced in Section 15 of the 2011 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/vms_iphc.html) or by phone at (907) 586-7225. 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 2011

Clearance Locations		
Dutch Harbor Westward Seafoods Inc. Sharyn Kelly/Jennifer Murphy PO Box 920608 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 (907) 581-8232 Fax: (907) 581-1293 Cell: (907) 359-4141 Unisea Inc. Al Mendoza, Guy Collins PO Box 920008 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 Al (907) 581-7317 cell: 359-7317 TAG phone- Stratos: 0009 Matrix: 0486 Guy (907) 581-7322 cell: 359-1745 TAG phone- Stratos: 5514 Matrix: 0466 Fax: (907) 581-7228	**Akutan** Trident Seafoods David Abbasian/Travis Heine PO Box 9 Akutan, AK 99553 (907) 698-2211 Fax: (907) 698-2236	**St George** Harbor Master, City of St. George PO Box 929 St. George, AK 99591 (907) 859-2263 Fax: (907) 859-2212 VHF Ch. 9, 12 or 16 Clearances during normal business hours, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm After 5:00 pm Alvin Merculief (907) 859-2418
	Atka (Nazan Bay) Atka Pride Seafoods Vincent Golodoff Jimmy Prokopeuff Jason Dirks PO Box 47071 Atka, AK 99547 (907) 839-2221 Fax: (907) 839-2224 VHF Ch. 6	**St. Paul** Trident Seafoods Jim Miller PO Box 909 St. Paul, AK 99660 (907) 546-2377 Fax: (907) 546-2585 VHF Ch. 73

Allowed Clearances By Port		
Port	*To Fish In Area 4*	*To Unload and/or Departure From Area 4*
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 Erikson at (206) 634-1838 ext. 7663 in the IPHC's Seattle office.

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