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### **COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF LOGBOOKS FOR THE ALASKA COMMERCIAL HALIBUT AND SABLEFISH FISHERIES**

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) has collected logbook information since the 1930s. The weight 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. 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. All detailed trip information obtained and retained by the IPHC is kept strictly confidential and cannot be subpoenaed under IPHC immunities.

The IPHC has been contracted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Auke Bay Laboratory (ABL) to collect sablefish log sheets for use in the sablefish stock assessment. This program was developed at the request of the sablefish industry and is voluntary. Any logbook information provided to the NMFS ABL requires a skipper's signature acknowledging and agreeing to the following: 'IPHC will forward to Sablefish Assessment, Auke Bay Lab'. Only sablefish data that have this acknowledgement are provided to ABL. To meet the IPHC confidentiality requirements, sablefish catch, set data, and landing locations are provided, but each vessel is assigned a unique number code preventing the vessel from being identified. These data cannot be obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the 2013 season, we will have samplers in the following ports: in Alaska; Dutch Harbor, Homer, Juneau, Kodiak, Petersburg, Sand Point, Seward, Sitka, and St. Paul; and in Bellingham, Washington and Newport, Oregon.

Providing the log to the port sampler is the most efficient way to provide accurate data for inclusion in the stock assessment, to clarify details, and provides you with a venue to ask questions and provide direct feedback to the IPHC and ABL. If you need a new logbook, one can be obtained from any port sampler or from the Seattle IPHC office. At the end of the fishing season, if a sampler has not collected logbook information from all trips, please tear out the IPHC/IFQ copy from your logbook, or make a copy of the information, sign to release the sablefish catch information, and send it to the Seattle office.

Please refer to the log example to complete your IPHC-approved log as accurately, legibly, and completely as possible. Thank you again for your continuing cooperation.

# IPHC HALIBUT LOGBOOK

Example



STATE VESSEL#: 12345

TRIP# 2 PAGE: 1 of 1 VESSEL NAME: FLÉTAN

Complete this box for each page

Complete these boxes once for each trip

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

  

IPHC Initials/#:	
Date:	
Sample Number:	
AREA 4 CLEARANCE NUMBER	
TO FISH	TO OFFLOAD
2013-0084	2013-0197

  

GEAR ID	CONV	TR	AUTO LINE	SNAP	TROLL	HAND LINE	LENGTH OF SKATE (feet)	HOOK	
								Spacing (feet)	No. Per Skate
A		✓					900	3	9 100
B		✓					900	4	3 300
C									
D									

SWIVELS (check one) Yes  No

### RECORD BY STRING (Beginning and End)

CATCH DATE Year 2013 Month   Day	TIME SET/HAULED (optional)	LOCATION				Beg/End DEPTH (Fath.)	IPHC-Office Use Only	GEAR ID	Hauled (IPHC-office only)	NUMBER OF SKATES		TARGET SPECIES	Reason Code	LEGAL-SIZED HALIBUT CATCH Net Lbs. or Numbers	SABLEFISH SOLD (check one) Round Wt. <input type="checkbox"/> Western cut <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern cut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (IPHC use)	SABLE-FISH SET NUMBER
		BEGINNING OF STRING Lat   Long Loran 1   Loran 2	END OF STRING Lat   Long Loran 1   Loran 2	Set	Lost (Leave blank if zero)											
5 11		50°30.90'	179°56.21'E	50°32.55'	179°55.24'E	40-50		A	12.5	1.5	hal		6020	0		
		50°31.76'	179°55.81'E	50°32.63'	179°53.48'E	115-139		A	20	0	hal		10840	0		
5 12		50°30.22'	179°53.19'W	50°33.47'	179°52.93'W	209-220		B	10	0	BC		850	4200		
		50°29.10'	179°55.73'W	50°32.18'	179°55.46'W	220-282		B	10	0	BC		1200	3950		
5 13		no fishing														
5 14		50°32.39'	179°56.03'E	50°31.51'	179°58.86'E	58-90		A	12	0	hal		7550	150	0	

Date of Sale month   day	5   16	Dealer	Island Cold Storage	Dealer Code		Unloading Port	Adak	Port Code		Weight Sold	26543
Include if available											
										Retained for Personal Use	28
										Retained for IPHC Use (Code 87)	

### COMMENTS:

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

Capt. signature

Complete at trip end