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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 2015 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.

Example

# IPHC HALIBUT LOGBOOK

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



Complete these boxes once for each trip

Captain's IFQ#: <u>1234</u> Captain's Name: <u>JOHN JONES</u>		IPHC Initials/#: _____	
Crew Size (including Captain): <u>3</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if same name as above	Date: _____	Sample Number: _____
IFQ# <u>1235</u> Name: <u>MARY JONES</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HOOK Size: <u>3</u> No. Per Skate: <u>100</u>	
IFQ# <u>2345</u> Name: <u>MARY JONES</u>		HOOK Size: <u>4</u> No. Per Skate: <u>300</u>	
IFQ# _____ Name: _____			
CDQ (circle one) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDQ#: _____	AREA 4 CLEARANCE NUMBER: <u>2015-5097</u>	

## RECORD BY STRING (Beginning and End)

CATCH DATE Year <u>2015</u> Month/Day	TIME SET/HAULED (optional)	BEGINNING OF STRING		END OF STRING		Beg/End DEPTH (Fath.)	IPHC-Office Use Only	Gear ID	Hauled (IPHC-office only)	NUMBER OF SKATES Set Lost (Leave blank if zero)	TARGET SPECIES	Reason Code	LEGAL-SIZED HALIBUT			SABLE-FISH SET NUMBER (IPHC use)	
		Lat Long	End#	Lat Long	End#								DISCARDED IN EXCESS OF IFQ	Net Lbs.	or Numbers		
5 11		50°30.87' Long	179°56.14'E	50°32.50' Long	179°55.66'E	40-50		A		12.5	HAL				6020		0
5 11		50°31.48' Long	179°55.74'E	50°32.11' Long	179°53.12'E	115-139		A		20	HAL				10840		0
5 12		50°30.37' Long	179°53.02'W	50°33.51' Long	179°52.42'W	209-220		B		10	BC				850		4200
5 12		50°29.60' Long	179°55.75'W	50°32.29' Long	179°55.36'W	220-282		B		10	BC				1200		3950
5 13		no fishing															
5 14		50°32.81' Long	179°56.59'E	50°31.74' Long	179°58.08'E	58-90		A		12	HAL				7550		150

## COMMENTS:

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

Capt. signature

Date of Sale month/day	Dealer	Unloading Port	Port Code	Weight Sold
5 16	Island Cold Storage	Adak		26543

Include if available

Retained Weight: 28 Retained for future sale: 28  
 (Personal Use) (Code 87)

Complete at trip end