

Information Bulletin



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2017 VESSEL CLEARANCES IN IPHC REGULATORY AREA 4

Clearances must be submitted to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA Fisheries OLE).

As referenced in Section 15 of the 2017 IPHC regulations(<http://iphc.int/publications/regs/2017iphcregs.pdf>), vessels fishing for Pacific halibut in IPHC Regulatory Area 4 are required to clear before fishing and before unloading for each trip, with the exception of local Bering Sea vessels or vessels with an operating Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). Full details on the VMS program are available on the NOAA Fisheries OLE website (http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/about/our_programs/vessel_monitoring.html) or by phone at (907) 586-7225.

Clearance regulations allow a vessel to clear simultaneously for Regulatory Areas 4C and 4D. Clearance forms, which are available from the locations listed below, 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 NOAA Fisheries OLE 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		
Dutch Harbor	Adak	St. George
Westward Seafoods Inc. Elizabeth Seals /Dan Le/Zia Llorente PO Box 920608 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 907.581.1660 Fax: 907.581.1293 Cell: 907.359.4141 Cell: 907.359.4142	City of Adak Debra Sharrah PO Box 2011 Adak, AK 99546 907.592.4500 ext. 101 Fax: 907.592.4262 Clearances during normal business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Harbor Master, City of St. George PO Box 929 St. George, AK 99591 907.859.2263 Ext. 23 – Pat Pletnikoff Ext. 0 – Olga Stepetin 907 859 2263 ext. 0 Fax: 907.859.2212 VHF Ch. 9 Clearances during normal business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sea Aleutian Seafoods, LLC Lisa Tran PO Box 921086 Dutch Harbor, AK 99692 907.581.6007 Fax: 907.581.3431 Cell: 907.359.6006	After 5:00 pm Debra Sharrah 907.572.9438	After 5:00 pm Pat Pletnikoff 907.859.2324
Akutan	Atka (Nazan Bay)	St. Paul
Trident Seafoods Travis Heine/Stephen Francis/Phillip Mach/ Monica Malcolm PO Box 9 Akutan, AK 99553 907.698.2211 Fax: 907.698.2236 VHF Ch. 73 Dispatch: 0056 After 8am	Atka Pride Seafoods Jimmy Prokopeuff PO Box 47071 Atka, AK 99547 907.839.2221 Fax: 907.839.2224 VHF Ch. 6	Trident Seafoods Bill Briggs PO Box 909 St. Paul, AK 99660 907. 546.2377 Fax: 907.546.2585 VHF Ch. 73

Allowed Clearances By Port

<i>Port</i>	<i>To Fish In Area 4</i>	<i>To Unload and/or Departure From Area 4</i>
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