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To Whom It May Concern:

This Permit is issued to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), to enable the incidental catch of Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) during the NOAA eastern and northern Bering Sea trawl survey. Permission is extended for fishing activities as follows:

- 1) **Activity:** NOAA Standardized bottom trawl surveys to assess the living fauna of the EBS to monitor Ecosystem health and provide assessments of living resources for stock assessment and fisheries management in Alaskan waters;
- 2) **Location:** Eastern and northern Bering Sea, Alaska, USA
- 3) **Total number of Pacific halibut permitted:** estimated 3,137 (project total)
- 4) **Permissible fishing gear:** trawl
- 5) **Permissible time period:** 25 May 2022 – 31 August 2022;
- 6) **Principal investigator:** Gerald R. Hoff (NOAA)

Pacific halibut obtained under this permit may not be retained for purposes other than scientific research described herein.

- 1) Up to 1,500 Pacific halibut (total for the Bering Sea survey) may be sacrificed for otolith collection, sex determination, and weight measurement.
- 2) Pacific halibut not sacrificed may be measured for length and released overboard as soon as possible after the trawl net is dumped.

Pacific halibut captured but not used in the study specified in this permit must be returned to the sea with a minimum of delay and injury. Numbers and estimated weight of Pacific halibut caught and released shall be reported to the IPHC.

David T. Wilson

12/05/2022

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Date