

2009 Pacific Halibut Fishing Season

IPHC LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR AREA 2A

The following are procedures used by the Commission when issuing licenses. This list is intended to explain procedures and assist fishers in obtaining licenses in a timely manner.

1. The Commission licenses vessels, not individual fishers.
2. Pre-printed applications are prepared at the end of February. If a commercial vessel made at least one halibut landing in the previous year, the computer will prepare a pre-printed application with the prior year's information. All sport charter vessels will be sent a pre-printed application form from the previous year's information.
3. If you do not receive your pre-printed application by early March, you may request one by calling the Commission at (206) 634-1838 or you may download one from the IPHC website (www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/2aapp.htm). In some instances, forms can be obtained from local or state agencies. When filling out applications, write legibly and provide all pertinent information (*i.e.*, document or registration number, WDF number, etc.). If your address changed during the year please let us know. **Also, the application must be completed and signed by the vessel owner. Applications completed solely by the captain, if different from the owner, will not be processed.**
4. Completed applications should be mailed to IPHC, P.O. Box 95009, Seattle, WA 98145-2009. Applications can also be faxed to the Commission at (206) 632-2983. Please note the actual license cannot be faxed back.
5. Once a "Vessel License Application" is received, it is dated, edited, and entered into the computer. Unsigned or incomplete applications are returned to the sender for missing information. Processing of applications will be done within three business days starting in early March. Also, as previously noted, licenses cannot be faxed.
6. Licenses and other pertinent information will be sent by first class mail at the beginning of March. The license will be sent to the vessel owner unless other instructions are specified with the application.
7. If the license is to be held for pick-up, it must be noted at the time of application. Also, the person picking up the license needs to know the names of the vessel and the owner so that the correct license is released to the right person. Please contact the IPHC office to schedule a pick-up time.
8. To speed delivery of the license, a pre-paid self-addressed Express Mail envelope obtained from the Post Office may be enclosed with the license application.
9. Area 2A license applications for the directed commercial, and/or incidental commercial during longline sablefish fishery must be postmarked or faxed no later than 11:59 p.m. April 30, 2009 (*Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations* Section 4 (7)). A National Marine Fisheries Service limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement is required to fish in the incidental fishery. For more information, please contact NMFS at (206) 526-4353.
10. Area 2A license applications for the incidental commercial fishery during the salmon trolling season must be postmarked or faxed no later than 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2009 (*Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations* Section 4 (8)).

The procedures outlined above are designed to get your individual license to you in the quickest way possible. If you have any comments or questions or need help completing an application please call (206) 634-1838.

NOTE: A license will be issued for operating in Area 2A for either: 1) the incidental commercial halibut fishery during the salmon troll season, 2) the sport charter fishery, or 3) the directed commercial, and/or incidental commercial during longline sablefish fishery. If a vessel has an Area 2A commercial license it cannot be used to sport fish for halibut in Area 2A.

INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION



2009 Halibut Vessel License Application

SELECT ONLY ONE BOX <input type="checkbox"/> BELOW		FOR 2A (WA-OR-CA) ONLY
Activity:	1) Incidental Commercial during Salmon Troll (T) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) Sport Charter (S) <input type="checkbox"/>
	3) Directed Commercial (DC) <input type="checkbox"/> or Incidental Commercial during longline sablefish fishery* (IS) <input type="checkbox"/> or <i>Both*</i> (BT) <input type="checkbox"/>	
	* Note: NMFS limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement required	

Vessel Name _____ Official Number _____

Overall Length _____ Gross Tons _____ Net Tons _____ Year Built _____

Home Port _____ Number in Crew _____

Vessel Owner(s):

Last Name	First Name	Initial
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone ()		

Vessel Captain(s) (complete only if different from Owner):

Last Name	First Name	Initial
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone ()		

<p align="center">Fishing Vessel Plate Numbers</p> <p>Tribal _____</p> <p>(1) Alaska (ADF&G) _____</p> <p>(3) Washington (WDF) _____</p> <p>(4) Oregon (ODFW) _____</p> <p>(5) California (CFG) _____</p>	<p align="center">Commercial Fishing Gear</p> <p>Type of Longline Gear Used: (select only one box)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Hook (FH) <input type="checkbox"/> Snap (SN)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automated (AU)</p> <p>Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hand Line (CH) <input type="checkbox"/> Troll (TR)</p>
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I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and understand that any false statements may invalidate the IPHC vessel license.

Owner's Signature _____

Application Date _____

Application must be signed by the vessel owner

Mail To: PO Box 95009, Seattle, WA 98145-2009 or application may be faxed to (206) 632-2983
Telephone: (206) 634-1838

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING LICENSE APPLICATION FOR AREA 2A (WA-OR-CA)

The license application form must be fully completed to receive a halibut fishing license.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

The following entries must be completed as specified:

Vessel Activity: Check only one box. A license will be issued for one of the following: 1) incidental halibut fishing during the salmon troll season; 2) halibut sport charter fishing; 3) directed commercial fishing, and/or incidental halibut fishing during the longline sablefish fishery (NMFS limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement required).

Official Number: Enter the Document or Registration Number for U.S. vessels.

Overall Length: The horizontal distance between the foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the stern (**excluding bowsprits, rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments**).

Gross Tons, Net Tons, Year Built: Gross tons, net tons, and year built as shown on the certificate when the official number was assigned.

Home Port: Enter your vessel's primary marine port of operations.

Number in Crew: Enter the number of crew members, including the Captain, usually on board while halibut fishing.

Fishing Vessel Plate Numbers: List all license numbers assigned to the vessel by state or federal agencies under which halibut are sold. You must enter at least one agency license.

Commercial Fishing Gear: Check the principal gear to be used for halibut fishing.

Owner's Signature: The application must be signed by the owner of the vessel.

SPECIAL NOTICE

1. Vessels bearing a valid Halibut Commission license must also possess all federal and/or state licenses required for the waters in which they intend to fish.
2. The halibut license number assigned will be the same as the official number provided on the license application.
3. The halibut license must be carried on the vessel and be available for inspection while the vessel is engaged in the halibut fishery.
4. Licenses will be mailed to the person signing this application unless otherwise requested.

NOTES: 1) **Incidental commercial during salmon troll fishery** license applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2009. **Directed commercial, and/or incidental commercial during longline sablefish fishery** license applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2009; 2) National Marine Fisheries Service regulations restrict the non-treaty directed commercial halibut fishery to South of Point Chehalis, Washington and the incidental halibut fishery during the sablefish fishery to North of Point Chehalis, Washington; 3) a National Marine Fisheries Service limited entry groundfish permit with a sablefish endorsement is required to participate in the incidental halibut fishery during the longline sablefish fishery.