

Instructions for Completing the
SUBSISTENCE HALIBUT
COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT (CHP) LOG

The Halibut Subsistence Fishery is authorized by Federal regulations at 50 CFR Part 300 and provides for eligible persons to conduct subsistence halibut fishing in Convention waters off Alaska.

Subsistence halibut means halibut caught by a rural resident or a member of an Alaska Native tribe for direct personal or family consumption as food, sharing for personal or family consumption as food, or for customary trade.

The Community Harvest Permit (CHP) Program allows an eligible tribe or community to select individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in halibut fishing to harvest halibut on behalf of the community or tribe under reduced gear and harvest restrictions. NMFS will issue a laminated CHP permit card and a harvest log to the tribe or community for each approved registration application. The tribe or community must designate a coordinator as part of the registration process. An eligible community or tribe may possess only one CHP at any given time and the CHP expires 1 year from the date of issuance. Renewal of the CHP is the responsibility of the tribe or community.

Alaska Native Tribe means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska, a federally recognized Alaska Native tribe that has customary and traditional use of halibut.

It is the responsibility of the CHP coordinator to issue the laminated CHP permit card to an eligible fisherman. The fisherman must have the CHP permit card as well as his/her SHARC on his/her person when fishing under the CHP.

1. Enter the name of the CHP Coordinator.
2. Enter the following information for each subsistence halibut fisherman:

Name of fisher. Enter full name (First, Middle, Last). Please include any suffixes such as Jr., Sr., etc.

Community of residence (city and state). This Community must be one of the rural communities listed in CFR 300.65(f)(1).

Date of birth (month/day/year).

Tribal affiliation. Enter the name of the Alaska Native Tribe qualifies the fisherman as eligible to fish for subsistence halibut. This tribe must be one of the Alaska Native Tribes listed in 50 CFR 300.65(f)(2).

SHARC number. Enter the Subsistence Halibut Registration Certificate (SHARC) number of the fisherman.

3. Indicate YES or NO whether fisher did subsistence halibut fishing during the period indicated on the special permit. If YES, complete the following harvest information

Date of harvest

Name of local water body, bay or sound. Record the location where the fisherman did most of the subsistence halibut fishing under this special permit.

IPHC Regulatory Area. Record the International Pacific Halibut Commission Regulatory Area (IPHC) that describes the location where the fisherman did the subsistence halibut fishing under this permit. These Regulatory Areas are listed in Figure 15 to 50 CFR part 679.

Number and pounds of halibut caught. Identify both the number and pounds of halibut harvested.

Type of gear used.

Number of hooks set.

Number of incidental lingcod and incidental rockfish caught. DO NOT include all the lingcod and rockfish you harvested, but just those you harvested while subsistence halibut fishing under this special permit. "Rockfish" means all fish of the genus Sebastes. These include red snapper and black bass. "Rockfish" does NOT include sculpin, greenling, or cod. Please do not include these other fish in your harvest estimates for rockfish.

Please mail the completed log to:

Restricted Access Management
NMFS, Alaska Region
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668

If you have questions, call 1-800-304-4846 or Fax 907-586-7354.