



ABORIGINAL COMMUNAL FISHING LICENCE TO HARVEST AND SELL SALMON AND GROUND FISH FOR AHOUSAHT, EHATTESAHT, HESQUIAHT, MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT, AND TLA-O-QUI-AHT, COLLECTIVELY AS THE "FIVE NATIONS".

This licence is issued under authority of the Fisheries Act and subsection 4(1) of the Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licences Regulations.

The licence conditions in this licence are specified pursuant to section 5 of the Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licences Regulations and subsection 22(1) of the Fishery (General) Regulations.

Licence Holders:

FIN: 74856 AHOUSAHT INDIAN BAND

FIN: 64166 EHATTESAHT INDIAN BAND

FIN: 89477 HESQUIAHT INDIAN BAND

FIN: 81953 MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT INDIAN BAND

FIN: 113154 TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATIONS

Allowable Fishing Times:

Fishing periods defined for a species supersede all periods defined in this section.

Licence Holder: All

Start: Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 00:01 **End:** Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 23:59

Individuals or groups assisting with the authorized activity:

The Maximum Harvest Amounts set out in this licence represent the maximum combined harvest amounts shared by the Five Nations.

Species, Quantity of Fish, Area(s) and Gear:

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHINOOK SALMON (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: barbless)
 Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

To be Retained: 5909 Individual Pieces



Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area, size limits and gear type.

Sale: Chinook may be sold. Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount for nearshore Chinook is 39.74% of the CTAC. The 2023 CTAC for this fishery is the total estimated return to Conuma after accounting for escapement requirements and FSC/Treaty obligations.

FSC: Chinook salmon may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHUM SALMON (*Oncorhynchus keta*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Chum may not be sold.

FSC: Chum salmon may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: COHO SALMON (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

To be Retained: 2000 Individual Pieces

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount of Coho is 2,000 pieces from portions of Area 25. This licence authorizes the sale of hatchery marked and wild Coho from these nearshore areas.

FSC: Both wild and hatchery marked Coho may be retained for FSC. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: SOCKEYE SALMON (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)



Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Sockeye salmon may not be sold.

FSC: Sockeye salmon may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: PINK SALMON (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)

Gear: Gillnet (unspecified)
Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Pink salmon may not be sold.

FSC: Pink salmon may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: PACIFIC HALIBUT (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area, size limits and gear type.

Sale: Halibut may be sold. Within the 2023 Halibut season, subject to close times, the maximum total sale amount is 1.0820% of the commercial Halibut TAC.

FSC: Halibut may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: LINGCOD (*Ophiodon elongatus*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25



Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area, size limits and gear type.

Sale: Lingcod may be sold. Within the 2023 Lingcod season, subject to close times, the maximum total sale amount is 11.7963% of the commercial Lingcod fishery area 3C TAC and 11.6714% of the commercial Lingcod Area 3D TAC.

FSC: Lingcod may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: All Rockfish

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Rockfish may be sold, except for Yelloweye Rockfish, which may be retained for home use only.

Sale: Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount is 4.1885% of the commercial rockfish fishery TACs for 3C/D Canary rockfish, 3C/D Silvergray rockfish; 3C/D, 5A Quillback rockfish; and 3C/D, 5A Copper, China, Tiger rockfish, Roughey, Shortraker, Shortspine thornyheads, and Redbanded, as well as 1.0820% of the Halibut sector rockfish TACs.

Sale: Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount of Yelloweye rockfish is 5.2356% of the commercial rockfish fishery TAC and 2.0019% of the commercial Halibut fishery area 3C/D TAC

Non-quota rockfish species are subject to the following trip limits (in round pounds):

- "Other rockfish": 100 pounds

FSC: Rockfish may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

No rockfish shall be released at sea.

Licence Holder: All

Species: NORTH PACIFIC SPINY DOGFISH (*Squalus suckleyi*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25



Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Spiny Dogfish may be sold. Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount is 0.1668% of the commercial Dogfish fishery area 3C/D, 5A/B/C/D/E TAC.

FSC: Dogfish may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All
Species: BIG SKATE (*Beringraja binoculata*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Big Skate may be sold. Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount is 0.1668% of the commercial Dogfish fishery area 3C/D, 5A/B/C/D/E TAC; 4.1885% of the commercial rockfish fishery area 3C/D TAC; 0.7753% of the commercial Sablefish fishery area 3C/D TAC; and 1.0820% of the Halibut commercial fishery area 3C/D TAC.

FSC: Big Skate may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All
Species: LONGNOSE SKATE (*Raja rhina*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Gillnet (unspecified)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Longnose Skate may be sold. Within the 2023 season, the maximum total sale amount is 0.1668% of the commercial Dogfish fishery area 3C/D, 5A/B/C/D/E TAC; 4.1885% of the commercial rockfish fishery area 3C/D TAC; 0.7753% of the commercial Sablefish fishery area 3C/D TAC; and 1.0820% of the Halibut commercial fishery area 3C/D TAC.

FSC: Longnose Skate may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All
Species: Non-quota Groundfish
Gear: Hook and Line
Gillnet (unspecified)



Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 25

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: The following non-quota groundfish species may be sold with the following trip limits (in round pounds):

- Pacific Cod: 100 pounds
- Sculpin (including Cabezon): 100 pounds
- Sole and flounder: no limit

Terms and Conditions:

Pursuant to subsection 22(6) of the *Fishery (General) Regulations*, compliance with the *Fisheries Act* and the regulations made under the Act is a condition of this licence.

Definitions:

'Area (PFMA)' and 'Subarea' have the same meaning as in the *Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007*.

Barbless hook includes a barbed hook, the barb of which has been compressed so that it is in complete contact with the shaft of the hook;

'Commercial Troll Gear Configuration' means vessels with 4 to 6 fishing lines each equipped with a heavy weight and multiple lures attached to each line. Each line is suspended from poles (outriggers or trolling poles) extending from the fishing vessel. Fishing lines are set and retrieved using gurdies (mechanical cranks). Vessels often have high capacity fish holds or freezers and are generally able to fish multiple days before returning to port.

'CTAC' means the amount that is available for harvest by First Nations for FSC and Treaty domestic purposes, commercial and recreational fisheries. For further clarity, the Five Nations allocations are a share of the available catch remaining after requirements for FSC and Treaty have been deducted from the CTAC (in fisheries that have a CTAC).

'Designated packing vessel' means a vessel receiving fish not harvested by that vessel for the purposes of transport to a site for offloading. For the purposes of clarity, a packing vessel shall not be equipped with fishing gear, nor shall it participate in the harvest of fish.

'Dockside Monitoring Company' means a third-party, independent entity that will carry out the verification of catches at the landing site and may perform biological sampling by Dockside Observers as required.

'Dockside Observer' means a person who is designated under section 39 or 39.1; (observateur). The Regional Director-General may designate as an observer any individual who is qualified and trained to perform any of the duties described in subsection (2) and who (a) does not hold a certificate of accreditation issued under the Professional Fish Harvesters Act, S.N. 1996, c. P-26.1, or a fisher's registration card; (b) does not purchase fish for the purpose of resale; and (c) is not an owner, operator, manager or employee of an enterprise that catches, cultures, processes or transports fish.

'Department (DFO)' means the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

'Fishery' means fishing under the authority of this licence;

'Five Nations' means collectively the Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations.

'Hatchery Marked Coho' means a Coho salmon that has a healed scar in place of the adipose fin;



'Landing Slip' means a form that must be completed when selling, transporting or possessing fish caught during a fishery under the authority of this licence, except while on the water actively fishing or on the water transporting fish to a designated landing site;

'Participant' means an individual carrying on fishing or a related activity including harvesting, transporting, and landing of fish under the authority of this licence;

'T'aaq-wiihak decal number' means the unique number assigned to a vessel by the Licence Holders.

'Ha'oom Fisheries Manager' means a person responsible for various duties related to this fishery.

'Trip' means the time between leaving a port to commence fishing and the return to a port for the landing of catch;

'Validated' means verification by a dockside observer employed by an approved dockside monitoring service provider of the landed catch by species of the total number and weight.

'Vessel Master' means the individual embarked on the vessel and responsible for the operation of the vessel and the fishing activities carried out under authority of this licence.

1. Disposition of Fish:

Fish retained under the authority of this licence may be sold or retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes.

2. Designation of Individuals:

(1) Only members of Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations are eligible to participate in the fishery. Participants in the fishery shall be designated by Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, or Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. Designations are personal and non transferable.

(2) Individuals who fish under authority of the licence shall carry documentation to establish their identity as Participants (T'aaq-wiihak Card) and membership in one of Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations while participating in the fishery and while transporting fish harvested in the fishery, and will present such documentation on request by any fishery officer or fishery guardian.

(3) The Ha'oom Fisheries Manager shall provide a list of the names of designated Participants, their T'aaq-wiihak Card number to DFO at the start of the fishing season before fishing commences. The Five Nations may amend the list of designated individuals and vessels in-season and shall provide the amended list to DFO at the earliest possible opportunity and before the newly designated individuals and vessels commence fishing activities. Any changes to the list of designated individuals shall be sent to DFO.

3. Designation of Vessels:

(1) A vessel designated to harvest fish shall be identified by a T'aaq-wiihak decal number and a T'aaq-wiihak flag. The T'aaq-wiihak flag shall be mounted as high as practical and be clearly visible, legible and unobstructed.

(2) A vessel designated to receive and transfer fish to an offloading location ('designated packing vessel') shall be identified by a T'aaq-wiihak decal and a T'aaq-wiihak flag. The T'aaq-wiihak flag shall be mounted as high as practical and be clearly visible, legible and unobstructed.



(3) The Ha'oom Fisheries Manager shall provide a list of the names of designated vessels with the T'aaq-wiihak decal number and vessel registration number to DFO at the start of the fishing season before fishing commences.

(4) The Five Nations may amend the list of designated vessels in-season and shall provide the amended list to DFO before the newlydesignated vessels commence fishing activities. Any changes to the list of designated vessels shall be sent to DFO.

(5) The following vessel is designated as the packing vessel for this fishery:
Vessel with commercial registry number 30K5104.

4. Designation of Landing Sites:

(1) Fish caught under the authority of this licence shall only landed at the following landing sites to allow for inspection and attendance by dockside observers:

- a) Ahminauis Boat Launch, Gold River.
- b) The designated packing vessel, identified as vessel with the commercial registry number 30K5104.

5. Size limits:

(1) Chinook salmon must be greater than 45 cm in length measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail. There is no minimum size limit for Chinook caught by gillnet.

(2) All Coho retained for sale must be greater than 30 cm in length measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail; or 26 cm in length measured along the shortest length of the body to the fork of the tail where the head has been removed. There is no minimum size limit for Coho caught by gillnet.

(3) All Halibut must be greater than 81.3 cm (32 inches) head on measured in a straight line, passing over the pectoral fin, from the tip of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the extreme end of the middle of the tail or head off more than 61.0 cm (24 inches), measured in a straight line from the base of the pectoral fin at its most anterior point to the extreme end of the middle of the tail.

(4) All Lingcod must be greater than 65 cm head on measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail or head off, greater than 50 cm measured along the shortest length of the body to the tip of the tail.

6. Waters in which fishing is permitted to be carried out:

(1) Nootka Fishing Area

i) A portion of subarea 25-4 northwesterly of a line beginning at a boundary sign on Bligh Island near 49°39.752'N and 126°28.795'W then drawn northeasterly across the channel to a boundary sign on the opposite shore near 49°40.175'N and 126°28.161'W (Hanna Channel/Zuciarte Channel closure); and southwest of a line drawn from 49°43.903' N and 126°29.639' W southwesterly across the inlet to a point located at 49°43.680' N and 126°30.322'W (Hisnit Inlet closure).

ii) A portion of subarea 25-5 in upper Tlupana inlet southeasterly of a line from boundary signs at the entrance to Head Bay (Head Bay closure); and westerly of a line in Nesook Bay beginning at a point located at 49°46.205' N and 126°24.997' W then drawn southerly to the opposite shore to a point located at 49°45.594' N and 126°25.018' W (Nesook Bay closure).



iii) Subarea 25-6

iv) A portion of subarea 25-7 north of a line beginning at a point on Vancouver Island at 49°33.490'N and 126°33.861'W (north of Escalante Point) to a point approximately 1 nautical mile offshore located at 49°33.445'N and 126°35.967'W, and west of a line beginning at 49°33.445'N and 126°35.967'W south to the 25-7 boundary at 49°22.645' N and 126°33.620' W (Hesquiat Peninsula closure).

v) A portion of Subarea 25-8, Tahsis Inlet, south of a line beginning at the northeastern tip of Strange Island located at 49° 43.314' N and 126° 37.486' W, then drawn easterly across the inlet to a point located at 49° 43.315' N and 126° 36.817' W.

vi) A portion of subarea 25-15 located westerly of a line drawn from a point located at 49°38.640'N and 126°29.877'W across Zuciarte Channel to a point located at 49°38.319'N and 126°28.867'W (Zuciarte Channel closure).

vii) A portion of subarea 125-1 within 1 nm seaward of the surpline, and west of a line beginning at 49°22.645' N and 126°33.620' W then southerly to a point at 49°31.272' N and 126°35.618' W, and southeasterly of a line between 49°34.902'N and 126°46.312'W, and the Nootka Island shoreline at a point located near Beano Creek at 49°36.341'N and 126°45.141'W.

(2) Esperanza Fishing Area

i) A portion of subarea 25-9 south of a line drawn from 49° 53.807'N and 126° 46.622'W west to the opposite shore line at 49° 53.475' N and 126° 49.135' W, and north of a line commencing at 49°53.234' N and 126°48.418' W on the 25-13 boundary, then northeasterly to a point at 49°53.496'N and 126°47.91'W, then easterly to a point at 49°53.579'N and 126°47.333'W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°53.425'N and 126°46.796'W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°52.269'N and 126°45.407'W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°51.957'N and 126°44.857'W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.871'N and 126° 44.458'W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.97' N and 126°43.609' W, then northeasterly to a point at 49°52.072' N and 126°43.497' W, then easterly to a point at 49°52.078'N and 126°43.221' W, then easterly to a point at 49°52.026' N and 126°42.917' W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°51.775' N and 126°42.516' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.644' N and 126°41.072' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.637' N and 126°40.721' W, then southeasterly to 49°51.512' N and 126°40.476' W, then northerly following the 25-9 boundary line to the Vancouver Island shoreline at 49°51.557' N and 126°40.406' W.

ii) A portion of subarea 25-13 north of a line commencing at 49°51.458' N and 127°09.546' W (near Tatchu Point), then easterly to a point 49°51.131' N and 127°08.198' W, then easterly to a point 49°51.073' N and 127°07.599' W (High Rocks), then easterly to a point at 49°51.122' N and 127°07.027' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.37' N and 127°05.634' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.390' N and 127°04.510' W, then easterly to a point at 49°50.559' N and 126°59.95' W (Double Island), then easterly to a point at 49°50.553' N and 126°58.915' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.417' N and 126°55.452' W, then easterly to a point at 49° 52.077' N and 126° 50.679' W, then northeasterly to a point at 49°53.234' N and 126°48.418' W, meeting the 25-9 boundary.

(3) The following Rockfish Conservation Areas and West Coast Vancouver Island (WCVI) Chinook protection areas are closed to fishing:

i) Rockfish Conservation Areas:

a) Estevan Point - Those portions of Subareas 24-1, 124-3, 124-4, 125-1, 125-2 and 125-5 that lie inside of a line that begins at 49°23.526'N 126°27.818'W north of Matlahaw Point then to 49°19.500'N 126°23.900'W in water then to 49°17.000'N 126°31.200'W in water then to 49°22.100'N 126°44.700'W in water then to 49°25.067'N 126°34.598'W Hesquiat Peninsula then following the southerly shore of Hesquiat Peninsula to the beginning point.



ii) WCVI Chinook protection areas:

a) **Hesquiaht** - That portion of Subareas 25-7, 125-1 and 125-2 inside a line beginning at a point on Vancouver Island at 49°33.445'N and 126°33.845'W (north of Escalante Point), then westerly to a point approximately 1 nautical mile offshore located at 49°33.445'N and 126°35.967'W, then southerly approximately 8.8 nautical miles to a point intersecting the Estevan Point RCA boundary located at 49°24.688'N and 126°35.593'W, then to a point on Vancouver Island (on Hesquiaht Peninsula) at 49°25.067'N and 126°34.598'W.

b) **Portion of Muchalat Inlet** - That portion of Subarea 25-1 located westerly of a line drawn from a point located at 49 degrees 40.264°N and 126 degrees 10.955°W near McCurdy Creek across Muchalat Inlet to the light on Victor Island then to a point located at 49 degrees 39.496°N and 126 degrees 08.581°W. Subareas 25-2 and 25-3. That portion of Subarea 25-4 located southerly of a line drawn from a point located at 49 degrees 39.752°N and 126 degrees 28.795°W located on Concepcion Point across Hanna Channel to a point located at 49 degrees 40.175°N and 126 degrees 28.161°W. That portion of Subarea 25-15 located easterly of a line drawn from a point located at 49° 38.640°N and 126° 29.877°W across Zuciarie Channel to a point located at 49° 38.319°N and 126° 28.867°W.

c) **Hisnit Inlet** - That portion of Subarea 25-4 inside Hisnit Inlet northwesterly of a line beginning at 49° 43.903'N and 126° 29.639'W, then drawn southwestly across the inlet to a point located at 49° 43.680'N and 126° 30.322'W.

d) **Nesook Bay** - That portion of Subarea 25-5 inside Nesook Bay easterly of a line beginning at 49° 46.205'N and 126° 24.997'W, then drawn southerly across the bay to a point located at 49° 45.594'N and 126° 25.018'W.

e) **Head Bay** - That portion of Subarea 25-5 northwesterly of a line drawn between square white fishing boundary signs on the opposite sides of the entrance to Head Bay.

f) **Tahsis Inlet** - That portion of Subarea 25-8, Tahsis Inlet, north of a line beginning at the northeastern tip of Strange Island located at 49° 43.314'N and 126° 37.486'W, then drawn easterly across the inlet to a point located at 49° 43.315'N and 126° 36.817'W.

g) **Outer Nootka Island** - Those portions of Subareas 25-13, 125-1, 125-2 and 125-3 shoreward of a line drawn from Belmont Point located at 49°47.528'N and 126°55.605'W to a point located at 49°44.965'N and 127°01.823'W (located approximately 1.9 nautical miles west of Ferrer Point), then southeasterly approximately 13 nautical miles to a point located at 49°37.900'N and 126°52.600'W, then southwestly to a point at 49°33.500'N and 126°52.600'W, then to the Red Can Buoy located at 49°33.806'N and 126°49.976'W then to a point located approximately 2 nautical miles east at 49°34.125'N and 126°46.942'W, then to the Nootka Island shoreline at a point located near Beano Creek at 49°36.341'N and 126°45.141'W.

7. The type of fishing gear permitted to be used:

(1) Hook and Line. Hook and Line includes rod and reel and handline. Downriggers and multiple rods are permitted. Longline gear is not permitted.

(2) When targetting salmon species, barbless hooks are required.

(3) For vessels fishing in the Nootka Fishing Area as described in Condition of Licence 6(1) the following gillnet gear is permitted:

Gill nets with a minimum mesh size of 149 mm (6.0") and a maximum depth of 60 meshes.

All gill nets are required to be a maximum of 91.5m long (50 fathoms), a maximum hang ratio of 3:1, and a cork-line to web distance minimum of 0 cm and maximum of 2.0 m. The gill net must be retrieved without the aid of any mechanical or hydraulic device. Gill nets must be attended at all times; a vessel cannot be further than 50 meters from the deployed gill net at any time. The end of the gill net that is not attached to a vessel shall be marked with a lantern that



gives a steady white light during the period beginning one hour after sunset and ending one hour before sun rise. The maximum gill net soak time is 60 minutes.

(4) For Vessels fishing in the Esperanza Fishing Area as described above in Condition of Licence 6(2) the following gill net gear is permitted: Gill nets with a minimum mesh size of 149 mm (6.0") and a maximum depth of ninety (90) meshes are permitted a maximum mesh size of 165 mm (6.5"). Gill nets with a depth of 60 meshes have no maximum mesh size.

All gill nets are required to be a maximum of 183 m long (100 fathoms), a maximum hang ratio of 3:1, and a cork-line to web distance minimum of 0 cm and maximum of 2.0 m.

The gill net may be retrieved with the aid of mechanical or hydraulic devices. Gill nets must be attended at all times; a vessel cannot be further than 50 meters from the deployed gill net at any time. The end of the gill net that is not attached to a vessel shall be marked with a lantern that gives a steady white light during the period beginning one hour after sunset and ending one hour before sun rise. The maximum gill net soak time is 60 minutes.

8. Fishing Activity Reports (Hail Reports)

(1) All vessel masters must file a Start Fishing Report (hail out into the fishery) prior to participating in each fishery opening by calling or texting 250-266-0418, or completing the report online at <http://taaqa.ca>. The Start Fishing Report will include the following:

- a) Vessel master's name and vessel name;
- b) Intended fishing start date;
- c) Expected landing date; and
- d) Area to be fished
- e) Whether the vessel master will be fishing for salmon or groundfish

(2) The Ha'oom Fisheries Manager must provide all Start Fishing Reports in electronic form to DFO, on a daily basis.

9. Harvest reporting logs

(1) Each vessel master shall keep a complete Logbook that remains with the fishing vessel at all times for the duration of this fishery. Each vessel master shall complete a Logbook report prior to 08:00 h of the day following a day in which fishing occurred or a minimum of 2 hours prior to offload. The logbook shall contain the following information:

- a) Harvest log identification number and page number;
- b) Vessel master's name and T'aaq-wiihak Card number;
- c) Vessel name and T'aaq-wiihak decal number;
- d) Date fished;
- e) Area fished;
- f) Number of hours fished;
- g) Number of fish caught and retained by species or type as indicated in the harvest log;
- h) Number of fish caught and released by species or type as indicated in the harvest log;
- i) Number of fish caught used as bait by species or type as indicated in the harvest log; and



j) Number of non-fish (.e.g. turtles, birds, and marine mammals) encountered by species or type.

(2) All vessel masters shall submit a hard copy of the logbook page(s) for that trip to the dockside observer at each landing. No Landing Slip will be issued by the dockside observer until the completed logbook page(s) has been provided. Data from the logbook pages will be provided by the Dockside Monitoring Company in electronic form to DFO at the end of each week during which fishing occurred. The Dockside Monitoring Company will provide a hardcopy of all pages in the logbook to DFO upon request.

(3) Following the landing of Pacific Halibut, a completed copy of the log shall remain with the Dockside Observer, and be provided to the International Pacific Halibut Commission, upon request. If requested, logbook copies shall be sent to:

International Pacific Halibut Commission

2320 West Commodore Way, Suite 300

Seattle, WA, United States

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10. Dockside Validation

(1) All fish retained will be validated by dockside observers. Vessel masters must permit dockside observers access to their catch at landing sites for the validation procedure. The dockside observer shall provide a Validation Report containing the following information:

- a) Vessel name and T'aaq-wiihak decal number;
- b) Vessel master name;
- c) Logbook number;
- d) Date of offload;
- e) Last Area fished;
- f) Number of pieces
- g) Weight by species for all other species
- h) Landing port and time of landing;
- i) Start time of offload;
- j) End time of offload; and
- k) Observer identification number/name

(2) Validation reports shall be forwarded from the Dockside Monitoring Company to DFO following each fishery.

(3) The vessel master shall ensure that Ecotrust dockside observers conduct a thorough check of the fish holds and containers on deck to ensure all fish have been offloaded. At the designated landing site, catch retained for FSC may remain on-board the vessel provided the Ecotrust dockside observer is permitted access to the vessel in order to count and identify the species of fish retained.

11. Landing slips



(1) All vessel masters must obtain a Landing Slip in order to retain or sell any fish caught in the fishery. The Landing Slips must be issued by a dockside observer and shall specify:

- a) the name and signature of the vessel master landing the fish;
- b) date and time of landing;
- c) location of landing site;
- d) the vessel master's T'aaq-wiihak Card number;
- e) vessel name and T'aaq-wiihak decal number;
- f) the Area of catch;
- g) gear used;
- h) number of fish landed for the intent of sale; and
- i) name and signature of dockside observer (holder of Landing Slip book).

2. A vessel master must carry a Landing Slip when in possession of fish caught under authority of this licence, except when fishing or transporting fish to a Landing Site by water.

3. The vessel master shall show Landing Slips to a fishery officer or fishery guardian upon request.

4. Landing Slips issued by dockside observers will be forwarded to the Dockside Monitoring Company who will submit data in electronic form to DFO following each fishery opening. The Dockside Monitoring Company will provide a hard copy of all landing slips to DFO upon request.

12. Fish (Sales) slips

(1) All vessel masters must obtain a Fish (Sales) Slip when selling fish caught under authority of a licence. The Fish (Sales) Slip can be issued by the purchaser or, in the case of direct sales, the vessel master and shall specify:

- a) the name of the company, plant, packer, collector or individual purchasing fish;
- b) the vessel master's name and address;
- c) the number of a licence and the T'aaq-wiihak Card number;
- d) the Landing Slip number;
- e) the area of catch and landing site;
- f) days fishing;
- g) gear used;
- h) number and weight of fish (by species) sold;
- i) price per pound by species;
- j) total landed value of catch;
- k) payment (paid and payable in cash and otherwise); and
- l) other such information as may be required.

(2) If fish are landed and sold at the same location, a Landing Slip and Fish (Sales) Slip may be incorporated into one document by attaching a voided Landing Slip to a copy of the Fish (Sales) Slip.



(3) The vessel master must provide a copy of the Fish (Sales) Slip to a purchaser. Vessel masters shall submit Fish (Sales) Slips no later than seven days after offloading. Fish (Sales) Slips shall be mailed to DFO at:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Regional Data Services Unit
Suite 200-401 Burrard Street
Vancouver BCV6C 3S4

13. Split Offloads:

Fish retained for FSC purposes may be offloaded before being validated at the designated landing site at a location other than the designated landing site if the Fishery Manager from the vessel master's First Nation monitors the landing and verifies the pieces and species of fish caught and retained. The vessel master's First Nation's Fishery Manager will generate an offload record for the vessel master when the vessel master offloads catch under the authority of this Licence. Where fish retained for FSC have been offloaded prior to arriving at the designated landing site, the vessel master shall provide the Ecotrust dockside observer a copy of the offload record provided by the vessel master's First Nation's Fishery Manager. This offload record will include the following information, in respect of the FSC Communal Fishing Licence:

- a) A copy of the landed catch information by species and piece;
- b) Vessel name;
- c) Vessel master's name;
- d) Vessel master's T'aaq-wiihak designation Card number; and
- e) Vessel's T'aaq-wiihak decal number

14. Tagging and Biological sampling requirements

(1) All Halibut retained for sale must be tagged by a dockside observer prior to sale. To facilitate catch sampling by the International Pacific Halibut Commission all Halibut shall either be landed fresh, dressed head-on or fresh, round head-on.

(2) Vessel masters shall permit dockside observers access to catch for the purposes of sampling for coded-wire tag (CWT), DNA or other biological parameters as required at designated landing sites. Sampling protocols are to be developed with Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and DFO in-season.

15. Marine Mammal Reporting:

(1) The vessel master shall report all marine mammal interactions during fishing trips in the Fishing Log. For the purpose of defining lethal and non-lethal marine mammal interactions, interactions include bycatch, collision, and all sightings of marine mammals entangled in fishing gear.

16. Avoidance of entanglement of Basking Shark in fishing gear:



(1) Pursuant to subsection 73(2)(c) and section 74 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA), this licence authorizes the vessel master, subject to the following conditions, to engage in fishing activities that:

- (a) are conducted under licences issued under the Fisheries Act; and
- (b) incidentally kill, harm, harass, capture or take Basking Shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*).

(2) Pursuant to subsections 73(2)(c) through 73(6) of SARA, the vessel master shall ensure:

- (a) that while the fishing activities are conducted, every measure is taken to avoid the incidental capture of Basking Shark;
- (b) that while the fishing activities are conducted, fishing gear is not set or hauled when Basking Sharks are within 10 m of the fishing vessel, and/or are visible at the water's surface; and
- (c) that while the fishing activities are conducted, any Basking Shark incidentally caught and live, is released in a manner that causes them the least harm.

17. Shark Finning Prohibition:

(1) No person shall remove and retain the fins of any Spiny Dogfish or shark without retaining the remainder of the carcass for validation upon landing. The number of fins landed shall correspond to the number of carcasses landed.

18. Vessel to Vessel Transfers:

(1) Transferring of catch from one vessel to another is permitted provided the transfer does not exceed the trip limit or the vessel cap. Transferring of catch from one vessel to another that exceeds the trip limit or vessel cap must receive advance permission from the vessel master's First Nation's Fishery Manager for the transfer to be authorized.

19. Reporting:

(1) In-season reports (Excel spreadsheet is acceptable) providing the landing slip, logbook and Halibut tagging data shall be reported to the DFO Resource Manager weekly or prior to the next opening.

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