



Licence Number: XCSF 137 2025
File Number: Groundfish (Lingcod)
Valid From: 30-Oct-2025
Expiry Date: 05-Nov-2025

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.

This licence applies to harvesters hailed out for Groundfish trips and participating in the At Sea Monitoring (ASM) Study pursuant to the Incremental Reconciliation Agreement for Fisheries Resources (IRAFR 2024) as listed in Section 3.

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, October 30, 2025 at 00:01 **End:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025 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: LINGCOD (*Ophiodon elongatus*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Longline



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Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, size limits, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Lingcod may be sold. For the 2025 Lingcod season, 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, equivalent to 39,009 lbs in 3C and 92,631 lbs in 3D .

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 be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence. First Nations are requested not to harvest lingcod during spawning and guarding times from November 16 until March 31.

Licence Holder: All

Species: PACIFIC HALIBUT (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*)

Gear: Hook and Line
Longline

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, size limits, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Pacific Halibut may not be sold.

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 be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

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

Gear: Hook and Line

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Dogfish may be sold. For the 2025 season, the maximum total sale amount is 0.1668% of the commercial Dogfish fishery area 3C/D, 5A/B/C/D/E TAC, equivalent to 13,500 lbs.

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 be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All



Species: All Rockfish

Gear: Hook and Line

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Rockfish may be sold.

Sale: For the 2025 season, the maximum total sale amount is 4.1885% of the commercial Outside Rockfish fishery TACs for:

- 3C/D Canary Rockfish, equivalent to 3,913 lbs;
- 3C/D Silvergray Rockfish, equivalent to 3,848 lbs;
- 3C/D, 5A Quillback Rockfish, equivalent to 4,037 lbs;
- 3C/D, 5A Copper, China, Tiger Rockfish, equivalent to 2,276 lbs combined; as well as 1.0820% of the Halibut Sector outside rockfish TACs.

Sale: For the 2025 season, the maximum total sale amount of Yelloweye rockfish is 5.2356% of the commercial Outside Rockfish fishery TAC and 2.0019% of the commercial Halibut fishery area 3C/D TAC, equivalent to 7,536 lbs.

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 be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

All rockfish must be retained - no rockfish shall be released at sea.

Licence Holder: All

Species: Non-quota Groundfish

Gear: Hook and Line

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

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

FSC: Non-quota groundfish species may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

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Species: BIG SKATE (*Beringraja binoculata*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26
Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Big Skate may be sold. For the 2025 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 Outside 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, equivalent to 522 lbs.

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 be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All
Species: LONGNOSE SKATE (*Raja rhina*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26
Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Longnose Skate may be sold. For the 2025 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 Outside 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, equivalent to 983 lbs.

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 be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All
Species: SABLEFISH (*Anoplopoma fimbria*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26
To be Retained: 5039 Pounds



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Sale: Sablefish incidentally caught as bycatch on Lingcod and Halibut directed trips may be sold. For the 2025 season, the maximum total sale amount is 5039 lbs.

FSC: Sablefish may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHINOOK SALMON (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, size limits, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Chinook may not be sold.

FSC: Chinook may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: COHO SALMON (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, size limits, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Both hatchery marked and unmarked Coho bycatch from offshore areas (portions of PFMA 124, 125 and 126) may be sold. The maximum total sale amount of Coho is 2,000 pieces from PFMA 124, 125, and 126.

Sale: Both hatchery marked and unmarked Coho bycatch from inshore areas (portions of PFMA 24, 25, and 26) may be sold. The maximum total sale amount of Coho is 1,000 pieces from PFMA 24 and 2,000 pieces from PFMA 25 and 26 combined.

FSC: In offshore waters (PFMA 124, 125 and 126) hatchery marked Coho may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes; however, all efforts and attempts shall be made to return all unmarked Coho to the water alive and unharmed. After all efforts and attempts to return unmarked Coho to the water alive and unharmed have been made, unmarked Coho that are dead may be retained. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

FSC: In inshore waters (PFMA 24, 25 and 26) both unmarked and hatchery marked Coho may be retained for FSC. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while



dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: SOCKEYE SALMON (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, size limits, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Sockeye salmon may not be sold.

FSC: Sockeye may be retained in inshore waters (portions of PFMA 24, 25 and 26) for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

FSC: Sockeye salmon may not be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes in offshore waters (PFMA 124, 125 and 126).

Licence Holder: All

Species: CHUM SALMON (*Oncorhynchus keta*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Chum may not be sold.

FSC: Chum may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All

Species: PINK SALMON (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)

Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)

Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 24; Portions of PFMA 25; Portions of PFMA 26

Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on fishing area, gear and monitoring requirements.

Sale: Pink may not be sold.

FSC: Pink may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes. The amount of FSC fish permitted to be retained while dual fishing shall be consistent with each First



Nation's annual FSC licence.

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:

'AABM' means the Aggregate Abundance Based Model employed by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission to assist in the sustainable management of Chinook fisheries in Canadian and U.S. waters;

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

'At Sea Monitoring (ASM Study)' means the collaborative study of fisher-independent monitoring of harvest and at-sea releases for the Nation's commercial-type boats using longlines and hydraulic blocks to harvest groundfish, established pursuant to the *Incremental Reconciliation Agreement for Fisheries Resources (IRAFR)* signed by the five Nations and Canada in 2024. The goals of the study are to achieve a common understanding of what information is obtained through at-sea monitoring (accurate, timely, and verifiable fisheries data) and how it contributes to managing groundfish fisheries; identify alternative methods of obtaining at-sea monitoring information; test the practicality of specific at-sea monitoring methods for the Nations' longline vessels; explore how at-sea monitoring information can be obtained in a cost-effective way; and gain experience that will help the Parties reach a common understanding of at-sea monitoring methods that are well-suited to the Nations' commercial-type boats using longlines and hydraulic blocks to harvest groundfish.

'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 Longline Gear': means a vessel equipped with mechanized longline hauling gear

'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;

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

'Designated groundfish at-sea observer' means an individual designated pursuant to section 39 of the *Fishery (General) Regulations* to monitor groundfish fishing activities, examine and measure fishing gear and to conduct related activities while at sea.

'Designated observer' means a corporation designated pursuant to section 39.1 of the *Fishery (General) Regulations* to provide individuals designated as observers to monitor the landing of fish and the verification of weight, pieces and species of fish caught and retained;

'Dockside observer' means a person who is designated under section 39 or 39.1 of the *Fishery (General) Regulations*. 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;



'Dockside Monitoring Company' means a company that has been designated under Section 39.1 of the Fishery (General) Regulations. The Regional Director-General may designate as an observer any corporation that has submitted: (a) a description of a program that is capable of accurately collecting and compiling information obtained by individual observers in the course of their duties under subsection 39(2) and (b) a statement that discloses all conflicts of interest that the corporation or any of its directors, officers or employees, or any shareholder having a significant interest in the corporation may have with the fishing industry, and that explains how those conflicts are to be resolved; and (c) evidence of the corporation's financial viability, or a performance bond guaranteeing three months of operation;

'Electronic monitoring (EM) system' means an electronic-based monitoring system that meets the minimum specifications set out in Section 9 of these conditions.

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

'Fish pen' means an underwater enclosure, attached to the shore of the land or to the seabed, designed to hold live fish;

'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;

'Hail-out Report' means the report made to the designated groundfish hail service provider prior to embarking on a fishing trip. (See section 10);

'Ha'oom Fisheries Coordinator' means a person responsible for various duties related to this fishery;

'Marine hydraulic-powered block' is equipment used for marine fishing purposes to aid in the winching of fishing gear during hauling. This allows for longer strings of gear to be deployed and results in a highly-efficient retrieval of gear and catch and is generally installed in vessels that participate in commercial longline fisheries;

'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;

'Longline' means a line that has a hook or hooks attached to it and that is anchored to the bed of the water;

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

'Protective dome' means a piece of equipment used on the front end of a camera lens to protect the lens;

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

'Technical service provider' means a monitoring equipment service provider contracted by Ha'oom Fisheries Society to provide monitoring equipment and installation, as well as technical support and services to vessels participating in the ASM study.

'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:

(1) 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 Coordinator 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.

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 while fishing, transporting fish or off-loading.

(2) The Ha'oom Fisheries Coordinator 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.

(3) The Five Nations may amend the list of designated vessels in-season and shall provide the amended list to DFO before the newly designated vessels commence fishing activities. Following receipt of these changes, DFO will issue an amended licence reflecting applicable changes.

(4) The Following vessels are designated to harvest fish under the authority of this licence:

- Vessel Name: Em Ali II, T'aaq-wiihak decal number T-253
- Vessel Name: Jessa-Lynn, T'aaq-wiihak decal number T-406
- Vessel Name: Pakalot, T'aaq-wiihak decal number T-433
- Vessel Name: Heather Rae, T'aaq-wiihak decal number T-510

4. Designation of Landing Sites:

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

- a) Fourth Street Dock, Tofino;
- b) Ahminauis Boat Launch, Gold River;
- c) Tinlet Fish Fishing Ltd., Ucluelet;
- d) Ucluelet Harbour Seafoods Ltd., Ucluelet; and
- e) Ehattesaht Ice, Zeballos.



5. Size limits:

(1) All Lingcod retained 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.

(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.

(3) All Sablefish retained for sale must be greater than 55cm in length, measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail or where the head has been removed, 39 cm in length measured from the origin of the first dorsal fin to the fork of the tail.

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

The fishery is open in the Expanded Fishing Area (defined in 6(1)), except closed areas (defined in 6(2) and 6 (3)).

6(1) Expanded Fishing Area:

Those waters of Subareas 24-1 to 24-14, 25-1 to 25-13, 25-15, 25-16, 26-1, 124-1 to 124-4, 125-1 to 125-6, 126-1 to 126-3 bounded by a line commencing at 49°55.428' N 127°12.185' W (Porritt Creek), westerly to a point at 49°55.523' N 127°15.338' W (Grassy Island), then southwesterly to a point at 49°48.213' N 127°25.125' W (within Subarea 126-2), then southwesterly to 49°02.258' N 128°24.811' W, then southeasterly to 49°01.364' N 128°22.832' W, then northeasterly to 49°47.167' N 127°23.161' W, then northeasterly to 49°54.981' N 127°12.697' W, then northeasterly to 49°55.150' N 127°12.469' W, then southeasterly to 49°54.425' N 127°12.156' W then southeasterly to a point at 49°53.939' N 127°11.837' W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°53.394' N 127°11.282' W (near Tatchu Rocks), then southeasterly to a point at 49°51.458' N 127°09.546' W (near Tatchu Point), then easterly to a point 49°51.131' N 127°08.198' W (within Subarea 25-13), then easterly to a point 49°51.073' N 127°07.599' W (High Rocks), then easterly to a point at 49°51.122' N 127°07.027' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.370' N 127°05.634' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.390' N 127°04.510' W, then easterly to a point at 49°50.559' N 126°59.950' W (Double Island), then easterly to a point at 49°50.553' N 126°58.915' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.417' N 126°55.452' W, then easterly to a point at 49°52.077' N 126°50.679' W, then northeasterly to a point at 49°53.496' N 126°47.910' W (Subarea 25-9), then easterly to a point at 49°53.579' N 126°47.333' W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°53.425' N 126°46.796' W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°52.269' N 126°45.407' W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°51.957' N 126°44.857' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.871' N 126°44.458' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.970' N 126°43.609' W, then northeasterly to a point at 49°52.072' N 126°43.497' W, then easterly to a point at 49°52.078' N 126°43.221' W, then easterly to a point at 49°52.026' N 126°42.917' W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°51.775' N 126°42.516' W, then easterly to a point at

49°51.644' N 126°41.072' W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.637' N 126°40.721' W then southeasterly to 49°51.512' N 126°40.476' W, then southerly to a point at 49°51.438' N 126°40.475' W, then southerly following the eastern shoreline of Nootka Island to a point at 49°39.562' N 126°50.683' W (near Calvin Creek), then southwesterly to a point at 49°31.844' N 127°01.427' W, then southwesterly to 48°49.804' N 128°03.829' W, then southeasterly to 48°47.379' N 127°59.879' W, then southeasterly to 48°37.748' N 127°48.188' W, then southeasterly to 48°34.827' N 127°44.734' W, then southeasterly to 48°32.528' N 127°41.653' W, then southeasterly to 48°32.090' N 127°40.881' W, then southeasterly to 48°31.730' N 127°40.127' W, then southeasterly to 48°28.819' N 127°33.529' W, then southeasterly to 48°19.889' N 127°11.674' W, then southeasterly to 48°17.527' N 127°06.563' W, then southeasterly to 48°12.176' N 126°53.983' W (Subarea 124-1 boundary), then southeasterly to 48°11.134' N 126°51.552' W, then northeasterly to



48°54.451' N 125°53.981' W, then northeasterly to 49°02.307' N 125°43.228' W, then easterly to 49°02.340' N 125°41.631' W, then westerly following the shoreline of Vancouver Island to the point of commencement.

6(2) The following Rockfish Conservation Areas and WCVI Chinook Protection Areas are closed to fishing:

a) Rockfish Conservation Areas:

i) **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) **Vargas Island to Dunlap Island** - That portion of Subarea 24-6 that lies inside a line that begins at 49°13.560' N 125°57.887' W in water then through Morfee Island to 49°13.300' N 125°56.750' W Dunlap Island then following the westerly shoreline of Dunlap Island to 49°12.941' N 125°56.373' W Dunlap Island then to 49°12.100' N 125°57.048' W Vargas Island then westerly following the shoreline of Vargas Island to 49°12.600' N 125°58.132' W Vargas Island then to the beginning point.

iii) **West of Bajo Reef** - Those portions of Subareas 125-2 and 125-3 that lie inside a line that begins at 49°37.900' N 127°01.111' W in water then to 49°37.900' N 126°52.600' W in water then to 49°33.500' N 126°52.600' W in water then to the beginning point.

iv) **Bedwell Sound** - Those waters of Bedwell Sound in Subarea 24-7 that lie southerly of the parallel passing through 49°20.000' N latitude and northerly of the parallel passing through 49°15.600'N north latitude.

v) **Saranac Island** - In Subarea 24-7, those waters that lie inside a line that begins at 49°15.500' N 125°55.621' W (north of Hecate Bay), then to 49°15.500' N 125°52.021' W (Vancouver Island), then easterly following the shoreline to the intersection with the meridian passing through 125°51.450' W longitude, then true south to the intersection with the shoreline of Meares Island, then westerly following the shoreline of Meares Island to 49°14.100' N 125°53.926' W (north of Ritchie Bay), then to 49°14.725' N 125°56.182' W (Kraan Head), then northerly following the shoreline to the beginning point.

b) The following WCVI Chinook Protection Areas are closed to fishing until October 31, 2025:

i) **Ahousaht/Millar Channel** - that portion of sub area 24-6 northerly of a line commencing at Kutcouc Point (49° 14.961N, 126° 04.817W) on Flores Island to 49° 14.637 N, 126° 00.825 W on Vancouver Island near the Chetarpe I.R.

ii) **Browning Passage** - that portion of Subarea 24-9 east of a line commencing at Ginnard Point (49 degrees 08.069N, and 125 degrees 51.169W) on Meares Island to 49 degrees 07.483N, and 125 degrees 51.811W on Vancouver Island, and westerly of a line commencing at Auseth Point continuing true south to the Vancouver Island shoreline.

iii) **Warn Bay** - that portion of Sub area 24-10 inside a line between boundary signs at the entrance to the Warn Bay.

iv) **Grice Bay** - that portion of Sub area 24-11 outside a line between boundary signs approximately half way inside Grice Bay to the head of Grice Bay. Subarea 24-13.

v) That portion of Subarea 124-3 approximately 1 nm seaward of the surfline from Hesquiat Harbour southeast to Cleland Island to Ahous Point.

6(3) The following finfish closure is in place year round:

(i) **Kennedy Cove** - that portion of 24-12 inside or northwesterly of a line between two fishing boundary signs on the



outer southwest corner and the outer northeast corner of the cove.

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.
- (2) Commercial longline gear is permitted.
- (3) Commercial troll gear is permitted.

8. At-sea monitoring

- (1) For vessels participating in the ASM study that are hailed on groundfish trips, at-sea monitoring of all fishing activity is required at all times by means of the use of a functioning electronic monitoring (EM) system on board the vessel as described in Section 9.

9. Electronic Monitoring (EM) System

For vessels participating in the ASM study that are hailed out on groundfish trips, the requirements for use of a functioning electronic monitoring (EM) system are as follows:

- (1) The vessel master of a vessel using Electronic Monitoring (EM) shall make arrangements with the technical service provider (TeemFish) through Ha'oom Fisheries Society to ensure the Electronic Monitoring system is properly installed and functioning. The following Electronic Monitoring (EM) system requirements for vessels must be met before a vessel master can submit a Start Fishing Report to the Designated Service Provider (see Condition of Licence 10 – Fishing Activity Reports (Hail Reports)):

- (2) The vessel master shall ensure that a vessel using EM shall have an EM system that meets the following minimum specifications and component requirements:

a) Cameras: 1-2 purpose built Marine Cameras installed (depending on vessel length and configuration) to provide a clear view of all catch retrieval processes. Cameras will have with 1/3"4 megapixel HDR (high dynamic range) sensor that capture 1080p FHD (1920x1080) video resolution @ up to 30 frames per second; with three Field of View options available: 46°, 72°, and 112°. Cameras are encased in a robust PVC and anodised aluminum housing.

b) Hard drive: Video data is encrypted and stored on an internal 1TB SSD (on the AIHub) and can be transferred via USB drive (3 x 256Gb) or automatically via cellular or Wi-Fi.

c) Tablet & Ruggedized Case (wheelhouse display unit) which houses the TeemFish AIHUB™ control center to encrypt and store accurate and verifiable data, and act as a transfer / storage and interpretation point for data captured by the cameras and sensors connected to it. Stored video imagery shall be linked to vessel identifier, date, time and location data.

d) Sensors: Vessels will be equipped with Garmin 19x GPS compatible sensor and depth sensors producing data which shall be logged at a frequency of once per ten seconds, continuously through the fishing trip.

e) Measuring grids will be installed, and visible in the camera view on all participating vessels.

- (3) The vessel operator will conduct a pre-trip check using the Tablet to ensure full operational capability of the entire system, and contact the designated service provider (Ecotrust Canada) on their hail out phone at 250-266-0418. Ecotrust Canada personnel will confirm with the harvester that a pre-trip system check was completed, and indicate in the hail out the results of the EM test.



(4) The vessel master shall ensure all components of the EM system are fully operational, powered on, and in use during the entire fishing trip from the time the vessel leaves port until the vessel arrives at port to commence the validation of their catch. If any or all of the EM system equipment becomes inoperative or malfunctions in any way, the vessel master shall immediately contact the technical service provider at the following 24-hour technical support number: Danny Atehortua- 1-778-884-7001, and contact the designated service provider and Ha'oom to report. The vessel master shall make every effort to ensure the EM system is repaired including, if necessary, hauling gear, hailing in and returning to port as soon as possible.

(5) Camera protective domes shall be regularly cleaned with fresh water only, no detergents or abrasive materials, to provide unobstructed viewing for the duration of the fishing trip. The vessel master shall contact the technical service provider to replace the protective domes on their closed circuit cameras should they become damaged or foggy.

(6) Where an EM system is in use on a vessel, the vessel master shall ensure that all fishing gear being retrieved from the water and all catch, whether retained or released, is handled within view of the EM system's closed circuit television cameras in a manner that allows for species identification with the system cameras.

(7) All lingcod, halibut, dogfish and sablefish are to be held against the measuring grid for no less than 3-5 seconds in full view of the camera.

(8) Within 24 hours of the offload event, all sensor and video data from the EM system for that trip will be provided to the designated service provider.

(9) The service provider will conduct a comparison of the EM sensor, video data, and landing slip with the Fishing Log for each trip.

(10) At the request of the Department, and subject to a data sharing agreement to be established with the Department, all or any portion of the EM sensor and imagery data shall be provided to the Department.

(11) Placement of EM equipment on board vessels shall not be altered, once mounted in place, without notification to HFS and the Department.

10 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 Coordinator must provide all Start Fishing Reports in electronic form to DFO, on a daily basis.

(3) At the time of landing and dockside validation, the video and sensor data from the EM system will be removed from the EM system by the Designated Service Provider. EM data will be uploaded by the designated service provider (Ecotrust Canada) staff member to the technical service provider's platform within 5 business days of the vessel landing. A technical Service Provider staff member will prepare EM data for analysis, within 5 business days of data availability.



(4) As agreed between the Department and HFS, there will be a minimum of 15 audits of the accuracy of the completed fishing logs conducted by the Designated Service Provider. The Designated Service Provider will submit audited trip reports directly to Ha'oom for discussion and review with the Department pursuant to the ASM study.

11. 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;
- c) Vessel name;
- d) Date fished;
- e) Area fished;
- f) Number of hours fished;
- g) By set and by area, number of fish caught and retained by species (including whether legal or sub-legal size) as indicated in the harvest log;
- h) By set and by area, number of fish caught and released by species (including whether legal or sub-legal by size) as indicated in the harvest log;
- i) By set and by area, number of fish caught used as bait by species (including whether legal or sub-legal by size) 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(s) (as required) 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
98199-1287

12. Dockside Validation

(1) All fish retained will be validated by dockside observers (with exception noted in Section 15 - Split Offloads). Vessel masters must permit dockside observers access to their catch at landing sites for the validation procedure. At the designated landing site, catch retained for FSC may remain on-board the vessel provided that the designated dockside observer is permitted access to the vessel in order to count and identify the species of fish retained.

(2) The dockside observer shall provide DFO with a Validation Report containing information as detailed in Section



13 - Landing slips. The designated monitoring company(s) shall send Validation Reports to DFO on a weekly basis.

13. 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).
- j) type of fishing trip that the fisher was hailed out for (groundfish or salmon)

(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.

14. 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 BC, V6C 3S4

15. Split Offloads:

(1) 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 dockside observer a copy of the offload record provided by the vessel master's First Nation's Fishery Manager. This certified 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.

16. Fish retained for live sale:

The following requirements pertain to any fish landed live for sale.

(1) Subject to Section 12 (Dockside Validation), all fish (including live fish) must be validated by a dockside observer prior to being offloaded, including into a fish pen. All fish on board must be landed in accordance with Section 12, except in the instance of Section 15 (Split Offloads).

(2) No fish taken under the authority of this licence shall be stored in a fish pen unless the fish pen is marked with the vessel name and the vessel T'aaq'wiihak number of the vessel designated to fish under this licence.

(3) Fish pens shall be marked as follows:

- (a) all letters and numbers shall be a minimum of 10 cm in height and 5 cm in width;
- (b) all letters and numbers shall be black and painted or affixed to a white background; and
- (c) the vessel name and vessel T'aaq'wiihak number shall be attached to the top surface of the fish pen.

(4) A fisher shall not store any fish in a pen that is marked with the T'aaq-wiihak number of another fisher prior to being



validated by a dockside observer.

(5) The vessel master shall provide to the dockside observer, a fishery officer or Nation's Fishery Manager attending the landing, safe access to the any fish pens, at any time during the landing and at the conclusion of the landing if requested.

17. Biological sampling requirements

(1) 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Vessel to Vessel Transfers:

(1) Transferring of catch from one vessel to another is permitted provided that the vessel accepting the fish does not land more than the trip limit or vessel cap including the transferred amount and that vessel's own catch combined.



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(2) Transferring of catch from one vessel to another that results in a total landed catch 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.

(3) The First Nation's Fishery Manager that authorizes such transfers must inform the Ha'oom Fisheries Coordinator and the dockside monitoring service provider.

(4) All fish must be transported and validated in one shipment and kept separated by fisher during transport. The vessel master / fisher shall show Landing Slips to a fishery officer or fishery guardian upon request.

22. 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 more frequently if requested.

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