



Licence Number: XCSF 54 2024
 File Number: Additional AABM Chinook
 Valid From: 05-Sep-2024
 Expiry Date: 11-Sep-2024

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 5, 2024 at 00:01 **End:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 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)
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127
To be Retained: 3214 Pieces (dead)



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

Sale: Chinook may 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 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)
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

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

Sale: Coho may not be sold.

FSC: Only hatchery marked Coho may be retained for Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) purposes; however, all efforts and attempts shall be made to return all Wild Coho to the water alive and unharmed. After all efforts and attempts to return Wild Coho to the water alive and unharmed have been made, Wild Coho that are dead may be retained. 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)
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

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

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 not exceed the allocation set out in each First Nation's annual FSC licence.

Licence Holder: All
Species: PINK SALMON (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)
Gear: Hook and Line (Hook Type: Barbless)
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Sale: Pink may 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 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
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

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

Sale: 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 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
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

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

Sale: Lingcod may be sold. There is a maximum trip limit of 500lbs (227kg). For the 2024 Lingcod season, the maximum total sale amount is 11.7963% of the commercial Lingcod fishery Groundfish Management 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. First Nations are requested not to harvest lingcod during spawning and guarding times from November 16 until March 31.

Licence Holder: All
Species: NORTH PACIFIC SPINY DOGFISH (*Squalus suckleyi*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127



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Sale: Dogfish may not be sold.

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: All Rockfish
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

Additional Descriptions: Sale: All rockfish (Sebastes sp.), except Yelloweye, Quillback, China, Tiger and Copper, to a maximum of twenty fish per day may sold as bycatch.

Yelloweye, Quillback, China, Tiger and Copper Rockfish may not be sold.

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.

Licence Holder: All
Species: Non-quota Groundfish
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

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

Sale: non-quota groundfish species may not be sold

FSC: non-quota groundfish 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
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Additional Descriptions: See Terms and Conditions for specific details on licence area and gear type.

Sale: Big Skate may not be sold.

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
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

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

Sale: Longnose Skate may not be sold.

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: MACKERELS (*Scombridae*)
Gear: Hook and Line
Licence Area: Portions of PFMA 123; Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126; Portions of PFMA 127

Additional Descriptions: Sale: Pacific Mackerel or Jack Mackerel may be sold as bycatch.

FSC: Pacific Mackerel or Jack Mackerel 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.

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*.

'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;

'Canadian Total Allowable Catch' (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.

'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.

'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.

'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.

'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 while fishing, transporting fish or off-loading.

(2) 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.

(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. Any changes to the list of designated vessels shall be sent to DFO.

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;
- d) Tinlet Fish Co, Ucluelet; and
- c) Ehattesaht Ice, Zeballos.

5. Size limits:

(1) All Chinook retained for sale must be greater than 45 cm in length measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.



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

The fishery is open in the following area as defined below, *except for* Rockfish Conservation Areas as defined in section 6(1)

Note the Steelhead Window Closures that are in effect in the following areas/times:

Area 127 closed 23:59 hours, September 5;
Area 126 closed 23:59 hours, September 7;
Area 125 closed 23:59 hours, September 10;
Area 124 closed 23:59 hours, September 12;
Area 123 closed 23:59 hours, September 15.

Those portions of Areas 123, 124, 125, 126 and 127 seaward of a line commencing at a point located at, 50° 47.114' north, 128° 29.024' west (approximately 2.0 nautical miles west of Cape Scott) then continuing to, 50 degrees 43.895'north, 128 degrees 28.072'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 41.443'north, 128 degrees 25.906'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 38.787'north, 128 degrees 24.879'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 35.258'north, 128 degrees 20.671'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 31.321'north, 128 degrees 15.760'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 18.630'north, 128 degrees 01.400'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 05.739'north, 127 degrees 59.339'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 04.812'north, 127 degrees 57.981'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 02.763'north, 127 degrees 48.844'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 59.856'north, 127 degrees 48.844'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 00.322'north, 127 degrees 45.077'west then continuing to, 50 degrees 01.894'north, 127 degrees 42.323'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 56.536'north, 127 degrees 33.396'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 47.509'north, 127 degrees 13.664'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 41.352'north, 127 degrees 04.383'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 32.911'north, 126 degrees 54.415'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 29.735'north, 126 degrees 41.109'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 21.890'north, 126 degrees 40.163'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 20.255'north, 126 degrees 39.268'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 19.124'north, 126 degrees 37.537'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 18.191'north, 126 degrees 35.266'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 17.973'north, 126 degrees 25.470'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 19.019'north, 126 degrees 23.115'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 14.370'north, 126 degrees 20.321'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 07.223'north, 126 degrees 09.229'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 02.154'north, 125 degrees 58.760'west then continuing to, 49 degrees 00.206'north, 125 degrees 52.465'west then continuing to, 48 degrees 51.731'north, 125 degrees 37.827'west then continuing to, 48 degrees 43.094'north, 125 degrees 17.138'west then continuing to, 48 degrees 39.411'north, 125 degrees 10.580'west.

6(1) The following Rockfish Conservation Areas are closed to fishing:

- 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.

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) Plugs equipped with one single, barbless hook are required. The plug size shall be no smaller than 6 inches (15.2 cm) as measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail of the plug (excluding the hook).

(3) Commercial troll gear is permitted.

4) Vessels equipped with commercial troll gear configurations shall be equipped with a revival tank, the purpose of which is to temporarily hold and revive injured, stressed or weak fish which the vessel is prohibited from retaining. Those salmon and steelhead that are injured, weak or appear dead shall be placed in the revival tank until revived to a vigorous condition or for at least one hour and then released back into the water from which they were caught in the manner that causes the least harm.

The revival tank shall:

(a) be constructed of non-transparent material;

(b) either consist of a single compartment with minimum inside dimensions of 90 cm x 40 cm x 40 cm, or consist of two or more compartments each with minimum inside dimensions of 100 cm X 20 cm X 40 cm;

(c) have a separate tight fitting lid for each compartment, made of non-transparent material;

(d) have a separate inlet and outlet for each compartment;

(e) have a separate release mechanism for each compartment that will allow revived fish to be released without being handled;

(f) be in operation while hooks are in the water and at all times when fish are being held in the tank;

(g) at all times while in operation, be full of water that is continually exchanged with water drawn directly from overboard, at a minimum rate of 36 litres (7.9 Imp gal) per minute;

(h) be kept clean and in operable condition; and

(i) shall not be used for any purpose other than that outlined above.

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;
- c) Vessel name;
- 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
98199-1287

10. Dockside Validation

(1) All fish retained will be validated by dockside observers (with exception noted in 13 - 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 11 - Landing slips. The Dockside Monitoring Company shall send Validation Reports to DFO on a weekly basis.

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).
- 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.

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:

Dual fishing is authorized - 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 certified record will include the following information, in respect of the FSC Communal Fishing Licence:

A copy of the landed catch information by species and piece;

Vessel name;

Vessel master's name;

Vessel master's T'aaq-wiihak designation Card number; and

Vessel's T'aaq-wiihak decal number

14. 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, Ehatesaht, 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. 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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