



Licence Number: XCSF 93 2025

File Number: Groundfish (Lingcod)

Valid From: 04-Sep-2025

Expiry Date: 10-Sep-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 who are not fishing under the At Sea Monitoring Study Licence.

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 4, 2025 at 00:01 **End:** Wednesday, September 10, 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



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

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: Only hatchery marked Coho bycatch from offshore areas (portions of PFMA 124, 125 and 126) may be sold.

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

FSC: In offshore waters (PFMA's 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's 24, 25 and 26) both wild 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; 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's 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's 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*;

'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 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;

'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 8);

'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;

'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 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.

(4) 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.

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) Ahminakis Boat Launch, Gold River;
- c) Tinlet Fish Fishing Ltd., Ucluelet;
- d) Ucluelet Harbour Seafoods Ltd., Ucluelet; and
- e) Ehattesah 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) WCVI Chinook Protection Areas:

i) **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 Hesquiat Peninsula) at 49°25.067'N and 126°34.598'W.

ii) **Muchalat Inlet/Matchlee Bay** - Subareas 25-1, 25-2, and 25-3.

iii) **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 southwesterly across the inlet to a point located at 49 ° 43.680'N and 126 ° 30.322'W.

iv) **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.

v) **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.

vi) **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.

vii) **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 southwesterly 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.

viii) **Espinosa Inlet** – Subarea 25-11

ix) **Port Eliza** – Subarea 25-12

x) **Zeballos Inlet** – Subareas 25-10

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

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. 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://taa.q.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.

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(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

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10. Dockside Validation

(1) All fish retained will be validated by dockside observers (with exception noted in Section 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 designated monitoring company(s) 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 BC, V6C 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 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. Fish retained for live sale:

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

(1) Subject to Section 10 (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 10, except in the instance of Section 13 (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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Shark Finning Prohibition:

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.

19. 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.

(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.

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.

21. 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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