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Alaska's Subsistence Halibut Permit Program

For thousands of years, Alaska Native people have fished for Pacific halibut to feed their families, share with their communities, and keep their traditions alive.

Did you know?

In 2003, a special program began to protect this important way of life. Today, Alaskans can get a **Subsistence Halibut Registration Certificate** (SHARC) to fish for halibut in a traditional way.

Who can fish for subsistence halibut?

Members of designated Alaska Native Tribes and people who live in qualified rural communities or rural areas listed in NOAA Fisheries Regulation 50 CFR 300.65(g): http://bit.ly/4oORrrt

What do I need to fish for subsistence halibut?

A Subsistence Halibut Registration Certificate (SHARC). This is like a fishing license but for subsistence halibut fishing.

How do I get a SHARC?

1. If you are a **new applicant** download a fillable pdf application form on our website at: http://bit.ly/3H95ZBe

   applications

   Renewals can be done online through the eFISH Portal.

   Renew Online: https://bit.ly/4l3xzxF

   eFish Portal

2. **Submit the completed form to:**
   - **Email:** RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov
   - **Mail:** NMFS, Alaska Region RAM Division, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668
   - **Fax:** 907-586-7354
3. **Applications take approximately 2-3 weeks to process.** You will receive a copy of your SHARC in the mail.

Have Questions?

- **Learn more**: http://bit.ly\44TkPVD
- **Email:** RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov
- **Call:** (800) 304-4846 (option 2)

information

General Overview

- You can use a longline (up to 30 hooks), handline, rod, or reel.
- You can catch up to 20 halibut per day in most areas.
- You can share your catch with family and friends, but you cannot sell it.

For complete fishing regulations visit: http://bit.ly\44TkPVD