

Halibut Tickets

Not enough information was presented to the Committee to determine the need for funding a CFEC proposal to keypunch halibut fish tickets. Further information was requested through the Council staff from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

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RE: Keypunching of Halibut Fish Tickets

Dear Mr. Branson:

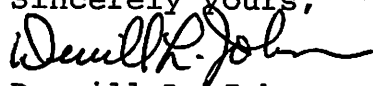
This is to confirm our phone conversation on the need to keypunch the halibut fish ticket data for 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978. The Commission will write the instructions and develop the format to coincide with Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission's fisherman history files. This fish ticket information will be used in limiting future fisheries and specifically that of the handtroll fishery currently being considered for entry limitation.

It is requested that the Council will bear the following costs:

1. all costs associated with keypunching all halibut fish tickets from 1975 through 1978;
2. one roundtrip air fare and two days per diem at \$45 per day for the Commission's data processing supervisor to assure that the formatting and instructions for keypunching are followed.

The Commission will seek the lowest bid for the requested keypunching services and will submit this bid to the Council upon receipt. We have received two preliminary bids, one from a Juneau firm in excess of \$15,000 and one from a Seattle firm at approximately \$3,000. From all tentative estimates the total cost of the project will not exceed a \$10,000.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

 Derrill L. Johnson
 Executive Director

*2 months (4-6 weeks) temporary help for CFEC
 approx \$2500 - GK total est. -
 help in Juneau -*

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Dear Mr. ^{Jim} Branson:

The massive key punch project for the 1975-1978 halibut data is necessary because the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) must be able to identify catch by individual fishermen in order to determine individual participation in specific fisheries. This is done by recording catch by CFEC permit number from Alaska Department of Fish and Game fish tickets. After talking to Mr. Peltonen of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), we identified several problems with the IPHC record system that would not allow CFEC to rely on IPHC data in assigning halibut catch to individuals.

- (1) In 1975 and 1976 IPHC did not key punch CFEC permit numbers.
- (2) Even when IPHC has recorded permit numbers, their data needs required them to combine some tickets into a single computer record and split catch from other tickets into several computer records. For instance:

If a permit holder makes more than one landing on the same date, IPHC may combine the tickets into one computer record.

If two or more permit holders fish from the same vessel, IPHC may make only one computer record of the landing and use only one of the permit numbers.

If a large landing is made, IPHC may split the landing into more than one computer record.

Because of this it is not possible to trace when these things are occurring via the computer. CRRC depends on the fish ticket system as legal verification of participation and needs paper documentation of computer records. The extent of the problem becomes clear when one compares an average of 10,000 IPHC computer records per year to the average 5,000 fish tickets we have found for each year.

(3) IPHC does not have a fish ticket ID numbering system that relates computer records to paper documents.

(4) Upon inspection of the tickets, we also found that IPHC does not consistently key punch whole pounds or pounds less the 11-15% head and slime deduction. We have decided to consistently key punch the whole pounds.

Sincerely,

John Williams
Commissioner

cc: Roger Kolden
Systems Analyst/EDF Coordinator