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Commissioner's Permit for Commercial Squid Harvest

February 23, 2024
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Dear Mr. Yamada,

5 AAC 38.062 allows the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to grant your request to harvest squid of the species and amounts listed below in condition 1 to be commercially sold. This letter will serve as your permit, must be signed by you to be valid, and in your possession while harvesting and transporting squid. The conditions of this permit are as follows:

1. This Commissioner's Permit is for the commercial harvest of magister arm hook squid (*Berryteuthis magister*). This permit allows you to harvest a total whole weight of up to 2,000 pounds of *Berryteuthis magister* from the waters described in condition 6 below. The maximum allowable harvest for this fishery will be 5 tons, or 10,000 pounds, for the season. If 2,000 pounds of squid are harvested on this permit, another permit can be issued until the maximum allowable harvest is reached.
2. This permit is valid from April 5, 2024, through November 30, 2024.
3. Authorized harvesters must purchase a 2024 experimental Octopus/Squid permit (O99B) from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). All other harvesters assisting you must have a valid 2024 CFEC permit, interim-use permit, or a commercial crew member's license to help harvest and transport squid. All vessels used in harvesting and transporting squid must have a valid 2024 CFEC Vessel License.
4. Unless you are delivering squid to an established buyer, you must possess all necessary permits and licenses to be a Catcher-Seller, Catcher-Processor, Direct Marketer, or other to process and sell squid under state regulations. At the point of landing, an ADF&G fish ticket must be completed and turned in to the department. **A fish ticket is required to be submitted within seven days of each landing.** The fish ticket must state the statistical area where harvest took place, effort in hours, and amount harvested in whole pounds. All other applicable provisions of 5 AAC 39.130 apply as if you were commercially harvesting fish. ADF&G fish tickets can be obtained and submitted at the address in condition 10 below.
5. Harvest methods will be restricted to mechanical jigging machines, and sport rods with conventional or electric reels.
6. You may harvest *Berryteuthis magister* in the waters of the following commercial fishing sections:
 1. Section 11-A;
 2. Sections 12-A and 12-B;
 3. Section 15-C.

7. The permit holder must maintain a detailed logbook of all fishing activities while fishing for squid (attached). The logbook shall contain the following information for each date fished: Latitude and longitude, nearest bay or headland, effort fished (hours), type of gear used (mechanical jig or sport rod), depths fished (feet), and squid catch in whole pounds. Non-squid bycatch may not be retained but should be documented by species and number of individuals encountered. Providing photographs of any unknown species encountered is encouraged. Non-target squid species may be retained and made available to department port sampling staff when delivering. Detailed logbook information will be CONFIDENTIAL and will not be made available to the public. Because of the "experimental" nature of this activity, harvest amount by month and district will be public information.
8. The department must be notified 24 hours before landing squid harvested under this permit to provide staff opportunity to sample the catch for biological characteristics and other information. Notification may be given by the phone number below or by emailing scott.forbes@alaska.gov or raymond.vinzant@alaska.gov.
9. This permit is not valid unless signed by an ADF&G representative and must be in your possession and be present during all aspects of harvesting and transporting of harvest. This permit may be revoked at any time if the conditions of the permit are violated.
10. You are required to submit this permit with the logbook filled out to the Southeast Regional ADF&G Office in Douglas by December 31, 2024, even if no harvest occurred. The Regional Office mailing address is:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Commercial Fisheries
PO Box 110024
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-4250

Other general observations of the distribution of *Berryteuthis magister* noted in your travels can be included in the comments section and will be helpful for the department to better understand the distribution and abundance of this species. This report should detail information concerning the success or failure of this project including aspects of harvesting, marketing, and sales which may have a bearing on future harvest of this species by either you or others, or on the management of the resource.

This permit is not a guarantee that similar future permits will be issued, nor does it imply any priority access to State managed resources. A new permit may be issued provided harvest is known to be sustainable and otherwise consistent with conservation and management of the resource. Permits for future operations should be requested a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of operations for that year. If sufficient additional requests for permits are received to harvest *Berryteuthis magister*, the *Management Plan for High Impact Emerging Fisheries* (5 AAC 39.210) may be invoked and the fishery could be closed to conduct research, develop a Board of Fisheries approved management plan, and secure the necessary funding to manage the resource in a sustainable manner.

This permit does not absolve you from complying with all other applicable laws and regulations of other State agencies or governments that may apply to this business venture.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By Delegation to:



Scott Forbes
Area Management Biologist
Division of Commercial Fisheries
Juneau, Alaska

Not valid unless signed by authorized harvesters:

I, the CFEC permit holder, agree to allow the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to publish harvest information obtained under this permit.

Richard Yamada x:

