

Please see below for information on an undergraduate internship opportunity being offered this summer by the International Pacific Halibut Commission. The due date for applications is March 16. The full announcement and online application can be found on the IPHC webpage:

<http://www.iphc.int/opportunities.html>

### **Overview**

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated student to work in the IPHC office located near Fisherman's Terminal in Seattle, Washington, U.S. The Internship Program is designed to give students exposure to a wide variety of tasks associated with the management of an international fisheries resource. Each student is assigned a specific project (chosen by the staff) which he/she executes. The student will work closely with a supervisor to ensure continuing progress toward work goals and with other staff members on the various tasks assigned.

### **Work term may include but is not limited to:**

- Completing a special research project chosen by the staff.
- Reporting special project results as a paper and presentation to staff at the conclusion of the internship.
- Field work on an IPHC research vessel and/or dockside port sampling in British Columbia, Alaska, or U.S. West Coast.
- Work in the aging lab learning aging techniques, lab protocols, and uses of the final halibut ages.
- Assisting staff with other tasks as assigned.

### **Basic qualifications:**

- 1) Student must be in (or beginning) fourth year of undergraduate study at an accredited University or College and working towards a degree in aquatic or environmental related science.
- 2) Student will be working with a number of biologists and support personnel throughout the work term, and must possess good communication skills and enthusiasm to perform tasks as assigned. Student must be self-motivated and work well with limited supervision.
- 3) Although previous experience collecting data in the field is not a requirement, student must be motivated and willing to spend the required time on a Commission chartered survey vessel in the open ocean and/or in fishing ports, and perform the normal duties of an IPHC sampler.
- 4) Completion of at least one basic statistics course is strongly advised. Previous education and/or experience in fisheries species identification and sampling protocols is helpful, but not required.
- 5) A survival at sea course (scheduled and paid for by the IPHC after hire) must be completed prior to deployment on a research vessel. Basic swimming skills will be needed to successfully complete the course.
- 6) Must be proficient with MSWord, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook software.
- 7) Must have a valid passport at time of employment.