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Humane Harvesting of Halibut **New publication from the HSA**

A new publication in its Technical Note series, '*Humane Harvesting of Halibut*' has been produced by the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA).

The new Technical Note draws on the results of several scientific experimental projects on the humane harvesting of sea fish and follows the HSA's participation in the Defra-funded LINK project on the humane harvesting of halibut. The publication discusses the legislative and welfare requirements for the practical harvesting of farmed halibut and advice is given on welfare during fasting, crowding, transport, stunning and killing. Both mechanical and electrical stunning are addressed in some detail and it is noted that humane methods may also improve the quality of the end product.

HSA Technical Notes are available for free download from www.hsa.org.uk or at £1.00 each from the HSA office. For a complete list of HSA publications or to order contact the HSA at The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831919, fax 01582 831414, email info@hsa.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

As an independent registered charity, the HSA is unique in working exclusively to achieve the highest worldwide standards in food animal welfare at markets, during transport and at slaughter through scientific and technical advances, education and training. Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

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