



22 August 2017

IPHC CIRCULAR 2017-014

Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM093)

In accordance with Rules 6.5 and 8.1 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2017), I am pleased to inform you that the 93rd Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093) will be held 28-29 November 2017 at the Grand Hyatt in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A..

The draft agenda and schedule is attached for your information. If you wish for any additional items to be incorporated, please provide them no later than 45 days prior to the Session (14 October 2017) in accordance with Rule 8.2 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

Other information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published on the IPHC website as they become available, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the Session (29 October 2017), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

IM093 meeting page: <http://iphc.int/meetings-and-events/interim-meeting.html>

Yours sincerely

David T. Wilson, Ph.D.

Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Provisional agenda and schedule for the 93rd Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093) – IPHC-2017-IM093-01



**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC
INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

Date: 28–29 November 2017

Location: Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

Venue: Grand Hyatt Seattle; Room: Leonesa III

Time: 09:00-17:00 daily

Chairperson: Dr Jim Balsiger (United States of America)

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Paul Ryall (Canada)

Notes:

- *All sessions are open to Observers and the general public, unless the Commission specifically decides otherwise.*
- *All open sessions will be webcast. Webcast sessions will also take audience comments and questions as directed by the Chairperson of the Commission.*

**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA FOR THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC
INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
- 3. UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 93rd ANNUAL MEETING AND 2017 IPHC WORK MEETING**
- 4. REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2017): Preliminary**
- 5. STATE OF THE FISHERY (2017)**
- 6. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2017) AND HARVEST DECISION TABLE**
 - 6.1 Stock assessment inputs (Spatio-temporal modelling of survey data; WPUE; etc.)
 - 6.2 Stock assessment modelling (2017) & Draft Harvest decision table (2017)
 - 6.3 Draft: Pacific halibut stock distribution estimates and catch tables
- 7. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
 - 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation update
 - 7.2 Report of the 10th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB10)
- 8. IPHC RESEARCH AND 5-YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM**
 - 8.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board – Update
 - 8.2 Report of the 11th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB11)

8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program: updates

9. CONTRACTING PARTY (AGENCY) UPDATES

- 9.1 Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
- 9.2 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)
- 9.3 Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)

10. REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017-18 PROCESS

- 10.1 IPHC Secretariat proposals
- 10.2 Contracting Party (agency) proposals
- 10.3 Other Stakeholder proposals

11. IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- 11.1 Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1st IPHC Performance Review recommendations
- 11.2 2nd IPHC Performance Review: Update

12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 12.1 Financial Statement for FY2017
- 12.2 Handling of the annual budget carryover
- 12.3 Budget estimates for FY2018, 2019 (for approval) and tentatively for 2020
- 12.4 IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Preparation for 94rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2018)
- 13.2 Date and place of the 94th and 95th Sessions of the IPHC Interim Meeting

14. THE PROCESS FOR 'REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM093)'

- 14.1 Draft Report
- 14.2 News Release

**DRAFT: SCHEDULE FOR THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC
INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

Tuesday, 28 November 2017		
Time	Agenda item	Lead
09:00-09:10	1. Opening of the Session	Chairperson
09:10-09:20	2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session	Chairperson
09:20-09:30	3. Update on actions arising from the 93 rd Annual Meeting (AM093) and 2017 IPHC Work Meeting (WM2017)	D. Wilson
09:30-10:00	4. Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2017): Preliminary	D. Wilson
10:00-10:30	5. State of the fishery (2017)	J. Goen
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	6. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2017) and harvest decision table 6.1 Stock assessment inputs (Spatio-temporal modelling of survey data; WPUE; etc.)	R. Webster & I. Stewart
11:15-12:30	6.2 Stock assessment modelling (2017) & Draft Harvest decision table (2017) 6.3 Draft Pacific halibut apportionment and catch tables <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 6)</i>	I. Stewart I. Stewart
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	7. Management strategy evaluation 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation update 7.2 Report of the 10 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB10)	A. Hicks MSAB Co-Chairs
14:30-15:30	8. IPHC Research and 5-year research program 8.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board: Update 8.2 Report of the 11 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB11)	D. Wilson J. Ianelli
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 7 & 8)</i>	J. Planas

Wednesday, 29 November 2017		
09:00-10:00	9. Contracting Party (Agency) updates 9.1 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) 9.2 Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) 9.3 Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i>	S. Keith TBA TBA TBA
10:00-10:30	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2017-18 process 9.1 IPHC Secretariat proposals 9.2 Contracting Party (Agency) proposals 9.3 Stakeholder proposals	S. Keith TBA TBA TBA
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2017-18 process (cont.) <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 10)</i>	Various
11:30-12:30	11. Performance review 11.1 Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 st IPHC Performance Review recommendations 11.2 2 nd IPHC Performance Review: Update <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda item 11)</i>	S. Keith D. Wilson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	12. Finance and administration 12.1 Financial Statement for FY2017 12.2 Handling of the annual budget carryover 12.3 Budget estimates for FY2017 Budget estimates for FY2018, 2019 (for approval) and tentatively for 2020 12.4 IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017)	M. Larsen M. Larsen M. Larsen D. Wilson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:00	13. Other business 13.1 Preparation for 94 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2018) 13.2 Date and place of the 94 rd and 95 th Sessions of the IPHC Interim Meeting	S. Keith S. Keith
16:0-17:00	14. The process for 'Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 93 rd Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093)' 14.1 Draft Report 14.2 News Release	Chairperson D. Wilson S. Keith