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15 October 2017

**IPHC CIRCULAR 2017-016**

Dear Commissioners,

**SUBJECT: DRAFT: AGENDA AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM093), 28-29 NOVEMBER 2017**

In accordance with Rule 8.2 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2017), and as stated in IPHC Circular 2017-14, please find attached the draft agenda and schedule (**Attachment I**), and list of documents (**Appendix II**) for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093).

The IM094 will be held 28-29 November 2017 at the Grand Hyatt in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 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

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Executive Director, IPHC

**Attachments:**

**Attachment I:** Draft: Agenda and schedule for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093) – IPHC-2017-IM093-01

**Attachment II:** Draft: List of documents for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093) – IPHC-2017-IM093-02



**DRAFT: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION  
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

**Date:** 28–29 November 2017

**Location:** Seattle, Washington, USA

**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.*

**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION  
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
3. **UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 93<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING** (D. Wilson)
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2017): Draft** (D. Wilson)
5. **STATE OF THE FISHERY (2017)** (J. Goen & L. Erikson)
6. **STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2017) AND HARVEST DECISION TABLE**
  - 6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2017, including current and future expansions (T. Geernaert & J. Goen)
  - 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; survey expansion results, etc.) (R. Webster)
  - 6.3 Data overview and preliminary stock assessment (2017), and draft harvest decision table (2017) (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)
  - 6.4 Draft: Pacific halibut catch tables (I. Stewart)
7. **MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
  - 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)
  - 7.2 Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB10) (A. Kaiser)

- 7.3 Review of fishery goals and objectives: Commission directive (Chairperson)
- 7.4 Discussion of allocation principles (Chairperson)

## **8. IPHC RESEARCH AND 5-YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM**

- 8.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board – Update (D. Wilson)
- 8.2 Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB11) (M. Mangel)
- 8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)
- 8.4 Evaluation of the IPHC's 32" minimum size limit (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)

## **9. CONTRACTING PARTY (AGENCY) UPDATES**

- 9.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- 9.2 NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- 9.3 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)
- 9.4 Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)

## **10. REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017-18 PROCESS**

- 10.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals (S. Keith & J. Goen)
- 10.2 Contracting Party (agency) regulatory proposals (Agency staff)
- 10.3 Stakeholder regulatory proposals (S. Keith)
- 10.4 Stakeholder statements (S. Keith)

## **11. IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

- 11.1 Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1<sup>st</sup> IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson)
- 11.2 2<sup>nd</sup> IPHC Performance Review: Update (D. Wilson)
  - Discussion of Legal Review of the IPHC Convention

## **12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 12.1 Financial Statement for FY2017 (M. Larsen)
- 12.2 Handling of the annual budget carryover (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)
- 12.3 Budget estimates for FY2018 and FY2019 for approval, and tentatively for FY2020 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)
- 12.4 Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) (M. Larsen)
- 12.5 Independent auditor's report (2016) (M. Larsen)

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1 Preparation for 94<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2018) (S. Keith)
- 13.2 Date and place of the 94<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Interim Meeting (2018 and 2019) (S. Keith)
- 13.3 IPHC meetings calendar (2018-20) (S. Keith)
- 13.4 News Release (S. Keith)

## **14. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

- 14.1 Draft Report (Chairperson and Executive Director)

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

<b>Tuesday, 28 November 2017</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Lead</b>
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 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting (AM093)	D. Wilson
09:30-10:00	4. Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2017): Draft	D. Wilson
10:00-10:30	5. State of the fishery (2017)	J. Goen & L. Erikson
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	6. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2017) and harvest decision table	T. Geernaert & J. Goen
	6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2017, including current and future expansions	
11:15-12:30	6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; survey expansion results; etc.)	R. Webster & I. Stewart
	6.3 Data overview and preliminary stock assessment (2017), and draft harvest decision table (2017)	I. Stewart & A. Hicks
	6.4 Draft: Pacific halibut catch tables <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 6)</i>	I. Stewart
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	7. Management strategy evaluation	A. Hicks A. Kaiser
	7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update	
	7.2 Report of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB10)	Chairperson
	7.3 Review of fishery goals and objectives developed by MSAB	Chairperson
	7.4 Discussion of allocation principles <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 7)</i>	
14:30-15:30	8. IPHC Research and 5-year research program	D. Wilson M. Mangel
	8.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board: Update	
	8.2 Report of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB11)	J. Planas
	8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecological Science research program: update	
15:30-15:45	Break	

15:45-17:00	8.4 Evaluation of the IPHC's 32" minimum size limit <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 8)</i>	I. Stewart & A. Hicks
<b>Wednesday, 29 November 2017</b>		
09:00-10:00	9. Contracting Party (Agency) updates 9.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) 9.2 NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 9.3 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) 9.4 Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i>	S. Keith TBA TBA TBA TBA
10:00-10:30	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2017-18 process 10.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals	S. Keith & J. Goen
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2017-18 process (cont.) 10.2 Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals 10.3 Stakeholder regulatory proposals 10.4 Stakeholder statements <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 10)</i>	Agencies S. Keith S. Keith
11:30-12:30	11. Performance review 11.1 Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> IPHC Performance Review recommendations 11.2 2 <sup>nd</sup> IPHC Performance Review: Update and discussion of Legal Review of the Convention <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 FY2018 and 2019 for approval, and tentatively for FY2020 12.4 Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) 12.5 Independent auditor's report (2016)	M. Larsen M. Larsen & D. Wilson M. Larsen M. Larsen M. Larsen
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:00	13. Other business 13.1 Preparation for 94 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2018) 13.2 Date and place of the 94 <sup>th</sup> and 95 <sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Interim Meeting (2018 and 2019) 13.3 IPHC meetings calendar (2018-20) 13.4 News release	S. Keith S. Keith S. Keith S. Keith

16:00-17:00	14. Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 93 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093) 14.1 Draft Report	Chairperson D. Wilson
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**DRAFT: LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 93<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC  
INTERIM MEETING (IM093)**

Last updated: 14 October 2017

Document	Title	Availability
IPHC-2017-IM093-01	Draft: Agenda & Schedule for the 93 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093)	✓ 22 Aug 2017 ✓ 14 Oct 2017
IPHC-2017-IM093-02	Draft: List of Documents for the 93 <sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM093)	✓ 14 Oct 2017
IPHC-2017-IM093-03	Update on actions arising from the 93 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-04	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2017): Draft (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-05	State of the fishery (2017): Draft (J. Goen & L. Erikson)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-06	Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2017, including current and future expansions (T. Geernaert & J. Goen)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-07	Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-08	Summary of the 2017 stock assessment and draft harvest decision table (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)	<b>DUE: 27 Nov 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-09	Draft: Pacific halibut catch tables (I. Stewart)	<b>DUE: 27 Nov 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-10	IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-11	IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-12	Evaluation of the IPHC's 32" minimum size limit (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-13	Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-14	2 <sup>nd</sup> IPHC Performance Review: Update (D. Wilson)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-15	Financial Statement for FY2017 (M. Larsen)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-16	Handling of the annual budget carryover (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-17	Budget estimates for FY2018 and FY2019 (for approval) and tentatively for 2020 (M. Larsen)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-18	Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) (M. Larsen)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>

IPHC-2017-IM093-19	Independent auditor's report (2016) (M. Larsen)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-20	Preparation for the 94 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2018) (S. Keith)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-21	Date and place of the 94 <sup>th</sup> and 95 <sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Interim Meeting (2018 and 2019) and the IPHC Work Meetings (S. Keith)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-22	Draft: IPHC meetings calendar (2018-20) (S. Keith)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
<b><i>Contracting Party (Agency) updates</i></b>		
IPHC-2017-IM093-AR01	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-AR02	NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-AR03	North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-AR04	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
<b><i>Regulatory proposals for 2018</i></b>		
<b><i>IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals for 2018</i></b>		
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropA1	IPHC Closed Area (Sect. 10) (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropA2	Fishing Periods (Sect. 8) (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropA3	Removal of exemption for VMS requirement for IPHC Regulatory Area 4 clearances (Sect. 15) (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropA4	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropA5	Discussion paper: Frozen-at-sea exemption for head-on requirement (Sect. 13) (IPHC Secretariat)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
<b><i>Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals for 2018</i></b>		
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropB1	Leasing in IPHC Regulatory Area 4 (NMFS)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
<b><i>Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals for 2018</i></b>		
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropC1	Catch limit proposals (Sect. 11) (Various)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropC2	Preserving catch on private live-aboard vessels (A. Cooper)	✓ 16 Aug 2017
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropC3	For unguided sport fishing (P. Phillips)	✓ 14 Sept 2017
IPHC-2017-IM093-PropC4	Sport Fishing for Halibut - Cleaning Regulations (S. Riehemann)	✓ 22 Sept 2017

<b><i>Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies</i></b>		
IPHC-2017-SRB10-R	Report of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB10)	✓ 4 Oct 2017
IPHC-2017-SRB11-R	Report of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB11)	✓ 4 Oct 2017
IPHC-2017-MSAB09-R	Report of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB09)	✓ 4 Oct 2017
IPHC-2017-MSAB10-R	Report of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB10)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>
IPHC-2017-PAB022-R	Report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB022)	✓ 4 Oct 2017
IPHC-2017-CB087-R	Report of the 87 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB87)	✓ 4 Oct 2017
<b><i>Information papers</i></b>		
IPHC-2017-IM093-INF01	Understanding the IPHC harvest decision table (2017) (I. Stewart)	<b>DUE: 29 Oct 2017</b>