



18 April 2018

IPHC CIRCULAR 2018-007

Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, 13 APRIL 2018

At the 94th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting, the Commission agreed to the following action ([Report of the AM094, para. 128](#)):

*128. The Commission **AGREED**:*

- a) that a meeting of Commissioners be convened as soon as possible to initiate discussion of alternatives to the current method of stock distribution modelling (formerly apportionment).*
- b) to consider how any such work will be linked to the [Management Strategy Advisory Board] MSAB.*

IPHC Commissioners met informally on 13 April 2018 at the IPHC Headquarters in Seattle, WA, U.S.A. The meeting was largely informational in nature, with a desire expressed by both parties to develop a clearer process for determining catch limits in the near and longer term, with the latter to be developed via the IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation process.

The Commissioners agreed to continue the discussion initiated at this meeting over the course of the year, as part of regular informal Commissioner meetings, with the goal of identifying an interim catch limit distribution strategy by 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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