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Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: NEW HIRE – BRANCH MANAGER, FISHERIES STATISTICS AND SERVICES

Following an intensive and highly competitive recruitment process, I am pleased to advise that Ms Lara Erikson has been appointed to the position of IPHC Branch Manager, Fisheries Statistics and Services.

Ms Erikson is no stranger to the IPHC, having joined us in September 2001 as a Biologist and USA Field Staff Supervisor, and progressed through our ranks to her most recent posting as the Commercial Fisheries Data Program Manager.

In her new role, commencing 1 August 2018, Ms Erikson will be responsible for directing and evaluating the Commission's data collection programs for the Pacific halibut fishery and for stock monitoring purposes. Her portfolio will include the commercial port sampling program to collect fisheries-dependent data, the fisheries-independent setline survey (FISS, or setline survey) to collect fisheries-independent data, programs to gather data from domestic agencies of Canada and the USA on recreational and subsistence fisheries, bycatch in other fisheries, and their resulting databases.

In addition to the above primary tasks, Ms Erikson will provide ongoing support for IPHC research and collaboration with our research partners, via the setline survey platform, and commercial port sampling program. In addition, ensuring the accurate and timely provision of data to domestic agencies of Canada and the USA, and licensing services for Pacific halibut fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (Washington, Oregon, and California), will fall under her mandate.

Please join me in welcoming Ms Erikson to the senior management team of the IPHC.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director, IPHC