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29 August 2018

**IPHC CIRCULAR 2018-020**

Dear Commissioners,

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

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 invite you to attend the 94<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) which will be held 27-28 November 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Seattle, U.S.A.

The provisional agenda and schedule, and draft list 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 (13 October 2018) 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 (28 October 2018), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

**IM094 meeting page:** <https://iphc.int/venues/details/94th-session-of-the-iphc-interim-meeting-im094>

Yours sincerely

David T. Wilson, Ph.D.

Executive Director, IPHC

**Attachments:**

**Attachment I:** Provisional agenda and schedule for the 94<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)

**Attachment II:** Provisional: List of documents for the 94<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)



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**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

**Date:** 27–28 November 2018

**Location:** Seattle, Washington, USA

**Venue:** Grand Hyatt Seattle; Room: Leonesa III

**Time:** 09:00-17:00 daily

**Chairperson:** Mr Paul Ryall (Canada)

**Vice-Chairperson:** Dr Jim Balsiger (United States of America)

**Notes:**

- All sessions are open to Observers and the general public
- All 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 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**  
(Chairperson)
3. **UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 94<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING** (D. Wilson)
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2018): Draft** (D. Wilson)
5. **FISHERY STATISTICS (2018)** (L. Erikson)
6. **STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2018) AND HARVEST DECISION TABLE**
  - 6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018 (T. Geernaert)
  - 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; survey expansion results, etc.) (R. Webster)
  - 6.3 Data overview and preliminary stock assessment (2018), and draft harvest decision table (2018) (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster & D. Wilson)
  - 6.4 Pacific halibut catch tables: Interactive tool (I. Stewart, D. Wilson)
7. **MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
  - 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)
  - 7.2 Report of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB012 and 013) (**MSAB Co-Chairpersons**)

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

- 8.1 Report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (D. Wilson)
- 8.2 Report of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB012 and 013) (SRB Chairperson)
- 8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)

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

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

**10. REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR THE 2018-19 PROCESS**

- 10.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals (S. Keith)
- 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)

**12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 12.1 Financial Statement for FY2018 (M. Larsen)
- 12.2 Budget estimates for FY2019 and FY2020 for approval, and tentatively for FY2021 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)
- 12.3 Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2019) (M. Larsen & S. Keith)
- 12.4 Independent auditor's reports: 2016, 2017, 2018 (M. Larsen)
- 12.5 Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2018) (D. Wilson)

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1 Preparation for 95<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2019) (S. Keith)
- 13.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) (S. Keith)

**14. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

- 14.1 Draft Report (Chairperson and Executive Director)

**PROVISIONAL: SCHEDULE FOR THE 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION**  
**OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

<b>Tuesday, 27 November 2018</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 94 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (AM094)	D. Wilson
09:30-10:00	4. Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2018): Draft	D. Wilson
10:00-10:30	5. Fishery statistics (2018)	L. Erikson
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	6. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2018) and harvest decision table	T. Geernaert
	6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; survey expansion results; etc.)	R. Webster
11:15-12:30	6.3 Data overview and preliminary stock assessment (2018), and draft harvest decision table (2018)	I. Stewart
	6.4 Pacific halibut catch tables: Interactive tool <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 6)</i>	I. Stewart & D. Wilson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	7. Management strategy evaluation	A. Hicks MSAB Co-Chairpersons
	7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update 7.2 Reports of the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB011 and 012) <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 7)</i>	
14:30-15:30	8. IPHC Research and 5-year research program	D. Wilson
	8.1 Report of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB019) 8.2 Reports of the 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB012 and 013)	SRB Chairperson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecological Science research program: update <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 8)</i>	J. Planas

<b>Wednesday, 28 November 2018</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) - North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) - Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)  <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i>	TBD TBD TBD TBD
10:00-10:30	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2018-19 process 10.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals	S. Keith
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2018-19 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>	Agency staff 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  <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 FY2018 12.2 Budget estimates for FY2019 and 2020 for approval, and tentatively for FY2021 12.3 Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2019) 12.4 Independent auditor's reports: 2016, 2017, 2018 12.5 Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2018)	M. Larsen M. Larsen M. Larsen M. Larsen D. Wilson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:00	13. Other business 13.1 Preparation for 95 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2018) 13.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21)	S. Keith S. Keith
16:00-17:00	14. Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 94 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) 14.1 Draft Report	Chairperson D. Wilson

**PROVISIONAL: LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 94<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC  
INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

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Document	Title	Availability
IPHC-2018-IM094-01	Provisional: Agenda & Schedule for the 94 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)	✓ 29 August 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-02	Provisional: List of Documents for the 94 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)	✓ 29 August 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-03	Update on actions arising from the 94 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (AM094) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-04	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2018): Draft (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-05	Fishery statistics (2018): Draft (L. Erikson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-06	Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018 (T. Geernaert)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-07	Space-time modelling of IPHC fishery-independent setline survey data (R. Webster)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-08	Summary of the data, stock assessment, and harvest decision table for Pacific halibut ( <i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i> ) at the end of 2018 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-09	Pacific halibut catch tables: Interactive tool (I. Stewart & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-10	IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): update (A. Hicks & I. Stewart)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-11	IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-12	Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-13	2 <sup>nd</sup> IPHC Performance Review: Update (D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-14	Financial Statement for FY2018 (M. Larsen)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-15	Budget estimates for FY2019 and FY2020 (for approval) and tentatively for 2021 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-16	Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) (M. Larsen & S. Keith)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-17	Independent auditor's reports: 2016, 2017, 2018 (M. Larsen)	Due: 28 Oct 2018

IPHC-2018-IM094-18	Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2018) (D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-19	Preparation for the 95 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2019) (S. Keith)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-20	Draft: IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) (S. Keith)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
<b>Contracting Party (Agency) updates</b>		
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR01	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR02	NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR03	North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR04	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
<b>Regulatory proposals for 2019</b>		
<b>IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals for 2019</b>		
IPHC-2018-IM093-PropA1	Fishery Limits (Sect. 4) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM093-PropA2	Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM093-PropA3	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
<b>Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals for 2019</b>		
IPHC-2018-IM094-PropB1	Nil to date	Due: 28 Oct 2018
<b>Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals for 2018</b>		
IPHC-2018-IM094-PropC1	Nil to date	Due: 28 Oct 2018
<b>Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies</b>		
IPHC-2018-RAB019-R	Report of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (SRB019)	
IPHC-2018-SRB012-R	Report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB012)	
IPHC-2018-SRB013-R	Report of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB013)	
IPHC-2018-MSAB011-R	Report of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB011)	
IPHC-2018-MSAB012-R	Report of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB012)	
IPHC-2018-PAB022-R	Report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB022)	
IPHC-2018-CB088-R	Report of the 87 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB87)	

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<b><i>Information papers</i></b>		
IPHC-2018-IM094-INF01	TBD	