



11 October 2018

IPHC CIRCULAR 2018-026

Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: DRAFT: AGENDA AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 94th SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094), 27-28 NOVEMBER 2018

In accordance with Rule 8.2 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) [Rules of Procedure \(2017\)](#), and as stated in [IPHC Circular 2018-20](#), please find attached the draft Agenda and Schedule (**Attachment I**), and draft List of Documents (**Appendix II**) for the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094).

The IM094 will be held 27-28 November 2018 at the [Grand Hyatt 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 (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

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Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Draft: Agenda and schedule for the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) – IPHC-2018-IM094-01

Attachment II: Draft: List of documents for the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) – IPHC-2018-IM094-02



**DRAFT: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 94th 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: Vacant

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.*

**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 94th SESSION
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION & ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRPERSON** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
3. **UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 94th 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 (L. Erikson and T. Geernaert)
 - 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; FISS 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 Mortality projections – Using the IPHC mortality projection tool (I. Stewart & D. Wilson)
7. **MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
 - 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)
 - 7.2 Report of the 12th and 13th Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB012 and MSAB013) (MSAB Co-Chairpersons)

8. IPHC SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

- 8.1 Report of the 19th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB019) (D. Wilson)
- 8.2 Report of the 12th and 13th Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB012 and SRB013) (SRB Chairperson)
- 8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)
- 8.4 The role of peer review in the IPHC scientific process (D. Wilson)

9. CONTRACTING PARTY UPDATES (BY AGENCY)

- 9.1 Canada
 - 9.1.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- 9.2 United States of America
 - 9.2.1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Fisheries
 - a) National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA-Fisheries)
 - b) North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)
 - c) 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 1st IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson)
- 11.2 2nd 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 & D. Wilson)
- 12.4 Independent auditor's reports: 2017, 2018 (M. Larsen)
- 12.5 Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2018) (D. Wilson)
- 12.6 IPHC Memorandum of Understanding, and Agreements (D. Wilson)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Preparation for 95th 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 94th SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)

- 14.1 Draft Report (Chairperson and Executive Director)

**DRAFT: SCHEDULE FOR THE 94th SESSION
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

Tuesday, 27 November 2018		
Time	Agenda item	Lead
09:00-09:10	1. Opening of the Session & Election of a Vice-Chairperson	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 th 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	L. Erikson
	6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; FISS 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 Mortality projections – Using the IPHC mortality projection 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	
	7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update 7.2 Reports of the 11 th and 12 th Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB011 and MSAB012) <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 7)</i>	A. Hicks MSAB Co-Chairpersons
14:30-15:30	8. IPHC Science and Research	
	8.1 Report of the 19 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB019) 8.2 Reports of the 12 th and 13 th Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB012 and SRB013)	D. Wilson SRB Chairperson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	8.3 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update	J. Planas
	8.4 The role of peer review in the IPHC scientific process <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 8)</i>	D. Wilson

Wednesday, 28 November 2018		
09:00-10:00	9. Contracting Party (Agency) updates 9.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) 9.2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) • North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) • Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i></p>	TBD 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 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 10)</i></p>	Agency staff S. Keith S. Keith
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 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Public comment and questions (Agenda item 11)</i></p>	S. Keith & D. Wilson 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) 12.6 IPHC Memorandum of Understandings, and Agreements	M. Larsen M. Larsen & D. Wilson M. Larsen M. Larsen D. Wilson D. Wilson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:00	13. Other business 13.1 Preparation for 95 th 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 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) 14.1 Draft Report	Chairperson D. Wilson

**DRAFT: LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 94th SESSION OF THE IPHC
INTERIM MEETING (IM094)**

Last updated: 11 October 2018

Document	Title	Availability
IPHC-2018-IM094-01	Draft: Agenda & Schedule for the 94 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)	✓ 29 Aug 2018 ✓ 11 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-02	Draft: List of Documents for the 94 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)	✓ 29 Aug 2018 ✓ 11 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-03	Update on actions arising from the 94 th 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 (L. Erikson & T. Geernaert)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-07	Space-time modelling of 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	Mortality projections – Using the IPHC mortality projection 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	The role of peer review in the IPHC scientific process (D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-13	Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 st IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-14	2 nd IPHC Performance Review: update (D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-15	Financial Statement for FY2018 (M. Larsen)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-16	Budget estimates for FY2019 and FY2020 (for approval) and tentatively for 2021 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-17	Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) (M. Larsen, S. Keith & D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018

IPHC-2018-IM094-18	Independent auditor's reports: 2017, 2018 (M. Larsen)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-19	Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2018) (D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-20	IPHC Memorandum of Understanding, and Agreements (D. Wilson)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-21	Preparation for the 95 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2019) (S. Keith)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-22	Draft: IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) (S. Keith)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
Contracting Party updates (by agency)		
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR01	Canada: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR02	USA: NOAA–Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR03	USA: North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-AR04	USA: Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)	Due: 28 Oct 2018
Regulatory proposals for 2019		
IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals for 2019		
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
Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals for 2019		
IPHC-2018-IM094-PropB1	Nil to date	Due: 28 Oct 2018
Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals for 2018		
IPHC-2018-IM094-PropC1	Nil to date	Due: 28 Oct 2018
Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies (2018/19)		
IPHC-2018-RAB019-R	Report of the 19 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB019)	✓ 11 Mar 2018
IPHC-2018-SRB012-R	Report of the 12 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB012)	✓ 21 Jun 2018
IPHC-2018-SRB013-R	Report of the 13 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB013)	✓ 27 Sept 2018
IPHC-2018-MSAB011-R	Report of the 11 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB011)	✓ 10 May 2018
IPHC-2018-MSAB012-R	Report of the 12 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB012)	Expected: 26 Oct 2018

IPHC-2018-PAB023-R	Report of the 23 rd Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB023)	✓ 24 Jan 2018
IPHC-2018-CB088-R	Report of the 88 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB088)	✓ 25 Jan 2018
<i>Information papers</i>		
IPHC-2018-IM094-INF01	TBD	