



30 October 2018

IPHC CIRCULAR 2018-028

Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)

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 95th Session of the **IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)** which will be held 28 January–1 February 2019 at the [Fairmont Empress](#), Victoria, B.C., Canada.

The provisional agenda and schedule, and draft list of documents are attached for your information. If you wish for any additional items to be incorporated into the agenda, please provide them no later than 45 days prior to the Session (14 December 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 (29 December 2018), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

AM095 meeting page: <https://iphc.int/venues/details/95th-session-of-the-iphc-annual-meeting-am095>

Yours sincerely

David T. Wilson, Ph.D.

Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Provisional: Agenda and schedule for the 95th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)

Attachment II: Provisional: List of documents for the 95th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)



**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)**

Date: 28 January to 01 February 2019

Location: Victoria, B.C., Canada

Venue: Fairmont Empress

Time: 28th: 13:30-17:30; 29-30: 09:00-17:00 daily

Chairperson: Mr. Paul Ryall (Canada)

Vice-Chairperson: Vacant

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.*

**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA FOR THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION**
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
3. **UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 94th ANNUAL MEETING and the 94th INTERIM MEETING**
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2018)**
5. **FISHERY STATISTICS (2018)**
6. **STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2018) & HARVEST DECISION TABLE (2019)**
 - 6.1 Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018, including current and future expansions
 - 6.2 Space-time modelling of setline survey data (WPUE; expansion results, etc.)
 - 6.3 Data overview and Stock assessment (2018), and draft harvest decision table (2019)
 - 6.4 Pacific halibut mortality projections – Using the IPHC mortality projection tool
7. **IPHC 5-YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM**
 - 7.1 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program: update
8. **REPORT OF THE 19TH SESSION OF THE IPHC RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB019)**

- 9. REPORT OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE IPHC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW BOARD (SRB013)**
- 10. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
 - 10.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update
 - 10.2 Report of the 12th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB12)
- 11. REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR 2019**
 - 11.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals
 - 11.2 Contracting Party (by agency) regulatory proposals
 - 11.3 Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals
 - 11.4 Stakeholder statements
- 12. CONTRACTING PARTY (BY AGENCY) REPORTS**
 - 12.1 Regulatory Area 2A (US west coast)
 - 12.2 Regulatory Area 2B (British Columbia)
 - 12.3 Regulatory Areas 2C/3/4 (Alaska)
- 13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**
 - 13.1 Financial Statement for FY2018
 - 13.2 Annual independent auditor's report (2017 & 2018)
 - 13.3 Budget revisions for FY2019 and estimates for FY2020 for approval, and estimates for FY2021 for review
 - 13.4 Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2019)
 - 13.5 Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019)
- 14. IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW**
 - 14.1 Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1st IPHC Performance Review recommendations
 - 14.2 2nd IPHC Performance Review: Plan for 2019
- 15. REPORT OF THE 24TH SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY BOARD (PAB024)**
- 16. REPORT OF THE 89TH SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB089)**
- 17. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 17.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21)
 - 17.2 News release
 - 17.3 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- 18. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 95TH SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)**



**PROVISIONAL: SCHEDULE FOR THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)**

(including the schedule for the 95th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC095))

Monday, 28 January 2019		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
95th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC095)		
09:00-10:30	95 th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC095) (<i>in TBA</i>) 1) Financial Statement for FY2018 2) Annual independent auditor's reports (2018) 3) Budget revisions for FY2019 and estimates FY2020 for approval, and tentatively for FY2021 4) Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2019) 5) Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019)	M. Larsen (D. Wilson) D. Wilson
10:30-11:00	Break	
11:00-11:30	95 th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC095) (<i>in TBA</i>)	Chairperson
11:30-12:30	Lunch	
95th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)		
12:30-12:45	1. Opening of the Session (<i>in TBA</i>)	Chairperson
12:45-13:00	2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-01: Agenda & Schedule for the 95th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095) ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-02: List of Documents for the 95th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)	Chairperson & D. Wilson
13:00-13:15	3. Update on actions arising from the 94 th Annual Meeting and the 94 th Interim Meeting	D. Wilson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-03: Update on actions arising from the 94th Annual Meeting, and the 94th Interim Meeting ➤ IPHC-2018-IM094-R: Report of the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) 	
13:15-13:30	<p>4. Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-04: Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2018) 	D. Wilson
13:30-13:50	<p>5. Fishery statistics (2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-05: Fishery statistics (2018) 	L. Erikson
13:50-14:00	<p>6. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2018) and harvest decision table (2019)</p> <p>6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018, including current and future expansions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-06: Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018, including current and future expansions 	L. Erikson (T. Geernaert)
14:00-14:20	<p>6.1 Space-time modelling of IPHC fishery-independent setline survey data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-07: Space-time modelling of IPHC fishery-independent setline survey data. 	R. Webster
14:20-15:30	<p>6.2 Data overview and Stock assessment (2017), and draft harvest decision table (2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-08: Overview of data sources for the Pacific halibut stock assessment, harvest strategy policy, and related analyses ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-09: Assessment of the Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) stock at the end of 2018 ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-10: IPHC Fishery Status Report 2018, Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) 	I. Stewart
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:00	<p>6.2 Continued....</p> <p>6.3 Updated Pacific halibut catch tables (2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-11: Pacific halibut mortality projections – using the IPHC mortality projection tool 	I. Stewart
16:00-17:00	<p>7. IPHC 5-year research program (in TBA)</p> <p>7.1 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program: update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-14: IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Sciences research program: update 	J. Planas
17:00-17:30	Public comment and questions (Agenda items 6-7)	Chairperson

Tuesday, 29 January 2019		
09:00-09:15	8. Report of the 19 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB019) ➤ IPHC-2018-RAB019-R: Report of the 19th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB019)	D. Wilson
09:15-09:30	9. Report of the 13 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB013) ➤ IPHC-2018-SRB013-R: Report of the 13th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB013)	S.Cox
09:30-10:30	10. Management strategy evaluation (<i>in TBA</i>) 10.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation update ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-12: IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): update 10.2 Report of the 12 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB012) ➤ IPHC-2018-MSAB012-R: Report of the 12th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB012)	A. Hicks MSAB Co-Chairpersons
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i>	Chairperson
11:15-12:30	11. Regulatory proposals for 2019 (<i>in TBA</i>) 11.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals 11.2 Contracting Party (agency) regulatory proposals 11.3 Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals 11.4 Stakeholder statements ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-13: Implementation notes: 2019 Regulatory proposals	S. Keith Agencies Stakeholders S. Keith
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	12. Contracting Party (by Agency) reports (<i>in TBA</i>) 12.1 Regulatory Area 2A (US west coast) 12.2 Regulatory Area 2B (British Columbia)	Various agencies
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	12.3 Regulatory Areas 2C/3/4 (Alaska)	Various agencies
17:00-17:30	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 11)</i>	Chairperson

Wednesday, 30 January 2019		
09:00-10:30	13. Finance and administration: (in <i>TBA</i>) 13.1 Financial Statement for FY2018 ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-15: Financial Statement for FY2018 13.2 Annual independent auditor's report (2018) ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-16: Independent auditor's report (2018) 13.3 Budget revisions for FY2019 and estimates for FY2020 for approval, and tentatively for FY2021 ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-17: Budget revisions for FY2019 and estimates for 2020 (for approval) and tentatively for 2021	M. Larsen
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-12:15	13.4 IPHC Financial Regulations (2018): Amendment ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-18: Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2019) 13.5 IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017): Amendment ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-19: Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019)	M. Larsen D. Wilson
12:15-12:30	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 12)</i>	Chairperson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	No AM095 Session: Commissioner opportunity to caucus and/or view CB/PAB proceedings	
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:45	14. IPHC Performance Review 14.1 Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 st IPHC Performance Review recommendations ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-20: Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1st IPHC Performance Review recommendations 14.2 2 nd IPHC Performance Review: Update ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-21: 2nd IPHC Performance Review: Plan for 2019	S. Keith D. Wilson
16:45-17:00	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 13)</i>	Chairperson

Thursday, 31 January 2019		
09:00-09:30	<i>Open: For CB and PAB report finalisation</i>	
09:30-10:00	15. Report of the 24 th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB024) ➤ IPHC-2019-PAB024-R: Report of the 24th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB024)	PAB Chairperson
10:00-10:30	16. Report of the 89 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB089) (<i>in TBA</i>) ➤ IPHC-2019-CB089-R: Report of the 89th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB089)	CB Chairperson
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-12:30	Commission discussion of Agenda items 14 & 15	Chairperson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2019: for decision (<i>in TBA</i>)	S. Keith
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:30	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2019: for decision (<i>in TBA</i>)	S. Keith
Friday, 01 February 2019		
09:00-10:30	Catch limits for 2019: (<i>in TBA</i>)	Chairperson
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	Revisit final mortality projections based on adopted catch limits for 2019	Chairperson & D. Wilson
11:30-12:30	17. Other business 17.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) ➤ IPHC-2019-AM095-22: IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) 17.2 News release 17.3 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson	S. Keith S. Keith Chairperson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-17:00	18. Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 95 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095) (<i>in TBA</i>)	Chairperson & D. Wilson

**PROVISIONAL: LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)**

Meeting documents	Title	Availability
IPHC-2019-AM095-01	<u>Provisional</u> : Agenda & Schedule for the 95 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)	✓ 29 Oct 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-02	<u>Provisional</u> : List of Documents for the 95 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095)	✓ 29 Oct 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-03	Update on actions arising from the 94 th Annual Meeting (AM094), and the 94 th Interim Meeting (IM094) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-04	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2018) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-05	Fishery statistics (2018) (L. Erikson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-06	Fisher- Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2018, including current and future expansions (L. Erikson T. Geernaert & E. Soderlund)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-07	Space-time modelling of IPHC fishery-independent setline survey data (R. Webster)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-08	Overview of data sources for the Pacific halibut stock assessment, harvest strategy policy, and related analyses (I. Stewart & R. Webster)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-09	Assessment of the Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) stock at the end of 2018 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-10	IPHC Fishery Status Report 2018, Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-11	Mortality projections – Using the IPHC mortality projection tool (I. Stewart & D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-12	IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): update (A. Hicks & I. Stewart)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-13	Implementation notes: 2019 Regulatory proposals (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-14	IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-15	Financial Statement for FY2018 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018

IPHC-2019-AM095-16	Independent auditor's report (FY2017 & FY2018) (M. Larsen)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-17	Budget estimates for FY2019 and FY2020 (for approval) and tentatively for FY2021 (M. Larsen, D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-18	Draft: IPHC Financial Regulations (2019) (M. Larsen, S. Keith & D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-19	Draft: IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019) (D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-20	Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 st IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-21	2 nd IPHC Performance Review: Update (D. Wilson)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-22	IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
<i>Contracting Party (by agency) reports</i>		
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR01	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) update	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR02	NMFS Report: Report on the 2017 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2a	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR03	U.S. Coast Guard enforcement Report (IPHC Areas 2A, 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E) to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (11 th , 13 th and 17 th Districts)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR04	NOAA-NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) West coast enforcement division report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR05	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW): Summary of Washington Pacific Halibut Fisheries Management in 2017	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR06	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW): Report on the 2017 Oregon Recreational and Commercial Pacific Halibut Fisheries	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR07	Oregon State Police Halibut Enforcement Summary	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR08	California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW): Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission on 2017 California Fisheries	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR09	Fisheries and Oceans Canada 2017: IPHC Annual Report	Due: 29 Dec 2018

IPHC-2019-AM095-AR10	2017 Canadian Recreational Fishery Halibut Catch Report	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR11	Canadian report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission on 2017 halibut fishery enforcement activities	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR12	North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC): Annual management letter	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR13	Annual Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission from the Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR14	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) Recreation Report	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR15	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) Subsistence Report	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR16	NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement (OLE): Alaska enforcement division report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-AR17	Alaska State Troopers Department of Public Safety Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission	Due: 29 Dec 2018
<i>Regulatory proposals for 2019</i>		
<i>IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals for 2019</i>		
IPHC-2019-AM095-PropA1	Fishery Limits (Sect. 4) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-PropA3	Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-PropA3	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
<i>Contracting Party (by agency) regulatory proposals for 2019</i>		
IPHC-2019-AM095-PropB1	<i>Pending</i>	Due: 29 Dec 2018
<i>Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals for 2019</i>		
IPHC-2019-AM095-PropC1	IPHC Regulatory Area 2A TCEY (P. DePoe)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-PropC2	IPHC Regulatory Area 2A quota program (M. Pettis)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
<i>Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies (2018/19)</i>		
IPHC-2018-SRB11-R	Report of the 11 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB11)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2018-SRB12-R	Report of the 12 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB12)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2018-MSAB11-R	Report of the 11 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB11)	Due: 29 Dec 2018

IPHC-2018-MSAB12-R	Report of the 12 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB12)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2018-IM094-R	Report of the 94 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-CB089-R	Report of the 89 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB089)	Expected: 31 Jan 2019
IPHC-2019-PAB024-R	Report of the 24 th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB024)	Expected: 31 Jan 2019
<i>Information papers</i>		
IPHC-2019-AM095-INF01	Understanding the IPHC harvest decision table (2019) (I. Stewart)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
IPHC-2019-AM095-INF02	Stakeholder statements on regulatory proposals for 2019 (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018
<i>Other supporting documents</i>		
IPHC-2018-RARA28-R	Report of Assessment and Research Activities: 2019 (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 29 Dec 2018