



IPHC meetings calendar (2020-22)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the IPHC meetings calendar (2020-22) ([Appendix I](#)).

BACKGROUND

Commission: The Commission's annual cycle of meetings is built around the management needs of the Pacific halibut fishery. The IPHC Interim Meeting (IM) follows the completion of the commercial fishing period, and is timed to allow the IPHC Secretariat to incorporate data from that fishing period into the stock assessment and harvest decision support for the coming season. The IPHC Annual Meeting (AM) is scheduled to allow harvest and regulation decisions to be made by the Commission and implemented by the Contracting Parties in time for the opening of the next commercial fishing period.

Subsidiary bodies: The Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), Conference Board (CB) and Processor Advisory Board (PAB) meet adjacent to or during the course of the Annual Meeting. The Scientific Review Board (SRB) and Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) each meet at least twice during the course of the year, in a sequence that supports both their mutual collaboration and the timing of their advice for the Commission. The Research Advisory Board (RAB) meets in February, when its members are best able to convene and consider the IPHC's scientific program of work.

DISCUSSION

Meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies are of interest to the Pacific halibut stakeholder community and the general public, and the publication of their schedule as far in advance as possible enhances meeting preparation and collaboration among stakeholders and Contracting Party agencies.

The IPHC calendar provided in [Appendix I](#) includes the dates and locations for meetings in 2020 and 2021 approved by the Commission at its 95th Annual Meeting (AM095). The following changes to the approved calendar have arisen since then:

- The dates of the 96th Annual Meeting (AM096) were shifted from 27-31 January to 3-7 February 2020 to resolve a conflict with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting dates. (See [IPHC Circular 2019-008](#).)
- At the 20th Session of the Research Advisory Board (RAB020) in February 2019, the board requested consideration of new dates for RAB021 and RAB022.

From [IPHC-2019-RAB020-R](#):

58. The RAB **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat consider dates earlier in February for RAB021 and RAB022 in order to enable better participation by current or potential RAB members.

The date for RAB021 (2020) could not be changed, but in response to the RAB's request earlier dates for RAB022 (2021) and RAB023 (2022) are proposed in the calendar provided in [Appendix I](#).

- At the 2019 Work Meeting, the Commission discussed possible locations for MSAB015, which had originally been scheduled for Port Hardy, BC, Canada. At IM095, the Commission noted plans to hold the meeting at a Vancouver Island location readily accessible to stakeholders.

From [IPHC-2019-IM095-R](#):

*The Commission **NOTED** that the 15th Session of the Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB015) will be held on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada.*

Courtenay, BC, Canada has been selected for MSAB015.

Dates for IPHC meetings in 2022 are proposed in the calendar for the Commission's consideration. Note that the location for the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) in 2022, hosted by the USA, should be decided at AM096 in order to plan for the meeting and contract for the necessary meeting venue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2020-AM096-15, which provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the IPHC Meetings Calendar (2020-22).
- 2) **APPROVE** the IPHC Meetings Calendar (2020-22).

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): IPHC Meetings Calendar (2020-22)



APPENDIX I
IPHC Meetings Calendar (2020-22)

| Meeting | 2020 | | | 2021 | | | 2022 | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | No. | Dates | Location | No. | Dates | Location | No. | Proposed Dates | Location |
| Annual Meeting (AM) | 96th | 3-7 Feb | Anchorage, USA | 97th | 25-29 Jan | Victoria, Canada | 98th | 24-28 Jan | TBD, USA |
| Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) | 96 th | 3 Feb | Anchorage, USA | 97 th | 25 Jan | Victoria, Canada | 98 th | 24 Jan | TBD, USA |
| Conference Board (CB) | 90 th | 4-5 Feb | Anchorage, USA | 91 st | 26-27 Jan | Victoria, Canada | 92 nd | 25-26 Jan | TBD, USA |
| Processor Advisory Board (PAB) | 25 th | 4-5 Feb | Anchorage, USA | 26 th | 26-27 Jan | Victoria, Canada | 27 th | 25-26 Jan | TBD, USA |
| Research Advisory Board (RAB) | 21 st | 26 Feb | Seattle, USA | 22 nd | 10 Feb | Seattle, USA | 23 rd | 9 Feb | Seattle, USA |
| Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) | 15 th | 11-14 May | Courtenay, Canada | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 16 th | 19-22 Oct | Seattle, USA | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Scientific Review Board (SRB) | 16 th | 23-25 June | Seattle, USA | 18 th | 22-24 June | Seattle, USA | 20 th | 21-23 June | Seattle, USA |
| | 17 th | 22-24 Sept | Seattle, USA | 19 th | 21-23 Sept | Seattle, USA | 21 st | 20-22 Sept | Seattle, USA |
| Work Meeting (WM) | -- | 16-17 Sept | Bellingham, USA | -- | 15-16 Sept | Bellingham, USA | -- | 14-15 Sept | Bellingham, USA |
| Interim Meeting (IM) | 96th | 1-2 Dec | Seattle, USA | 97th | 30 Nov-1 Dec | Seattle, USA | 98th | 29-30 Nov | Seattle, USA |