



6 July 2020

IPHC CIRCULAR 2020-015

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE 2020 SESSION OF THE IPHC WORK MEETING (WM2020)

Dear Commissioners,

In accordance with Rules 6.5 and 8.1 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2020), I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2020 Session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2020). The meeting will be held either electronically, or in-person in Bellingham, WA, U.S.A., from 16 to 17 September 2020. The final format/location will be advised closer to the meeting dates.

A reminder that the Work Meeting is a closed meeting of the Commission, limited to Commissioners, advisors, and experts.

The provisional agenda is 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 (2 August 2020), in accordance with Rule 8.2 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2020).

Other information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published in the IPHC electronic briefing book as they become available, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the Session (17 August 2020), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2020).

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Provisional: Agenda for the 2020 Session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2020)



**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA FOR THE 2020 SESSION OF THE IPHC
WORK MEETING (WM2020)**

Date: 16-17 September 2020

Location: Electronic or Bellingham, WA, USA

Venue: TBA

Time: 16th: 10:00-17:00; 17th: 09:00-17:00

Chairperson: Mr. Paul Ryall (Canada)

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Chris Oliver (United States of America)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION**
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
3. **UPDATE ON THE ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 96th SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM096)**
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2020): Preliminary**
 - 4.1 Staffing
 - 4.2 Meetings of the Commission's subsidiary bodies
 - 4.3 Canada: Interactions
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
 - Halibut Advisory Board (HAB)
 - 4.4 USA: Interactions
 - NOAA-Fisheries
 - North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)
 - Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC)
 - 4.5 Communications and Outreach
 - Website updates
 - Annual Report (2019)
 - 4.6 Publications
 - Peer-reviewed journal articles
5. **STATE OF THE FISHERY (2020): Preliminary statistics**
6. **STOCK ASSESSMENT**
 - 6.1 IPHC Fishery-independent setline survey (FISS)
 - Preliminary FISS results (2020)
 - FISS rationalisation
 - 6.2 Other data inputs
 - 6.3 2020 stock assessment: update
7. **IPHC RESEARCH AND SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARDS**
 - 7.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board: Updates

7.2 IPHC Scientific Review Board: Updates

7.3 IPHC Five-year biological and ecosystem research plan (2017-21) and management implications: Updates

8. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

8.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: Updates

8.2 IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB): Updates

9. REGULATORY PROPOSAL AND ADOPTION PROCESS FOR 2020/21

10. 2ND IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PRIPHC02): IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Budgets

- FY2020 Financial Statement: update

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Planning for upcoming IPHC meetings