



9 December 2020

IPHC CIRCULAR 2020-031

SUBJECT: INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS (19 October – 8 December 2020)

Dear Commissioners,

Subsequent to [IPHC Circular 2020-29](#) (INVITATION TO THE 9th SPECIAL SESSION OF THE IPHC (SS09), and in accordance with Rule 11, paragraphs 4-10 ‘*Intersessional decision-making*’ of the [IPHC Rules of Procedure \(2020\)](#), I am pleased to provide you with the following intersessional Commission decision for your information.

The Report of the 9th Special Session of the IPHC ([IPHC-2020-SS09-R](#)) and associated decisions were adopted by consensus (*In favour=6; Against=0; No response=0*). No further action is required by Commissioners at this time:

IPHC 2021 Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS)

IPHC-2020-ID016 The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the IPHC Secretariat proceed with an ‘*optimised*’ version of the ‘*minimum 2021 FISS design*’, involving adding an additional ~398 stations within the areas covered by the ‘*minimum 2021 FISS design*’ and where feasible, adding additional skates on each station (Fig. 2). The Commission reserved the right to make ad-hoc adjustments to the 2021 FISS at the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097), based on updated information to be provided by the IPHC Secretariat on IPHC Regulatory Areas 4B and 2A.

Please consider the date of this IPHC Circular to be the official ‘*date of notification*’ of the decisions detailed above, in accordance with Rule 11, paragraph 10 of the [IPHC Rules of Procedure \(2020\)](#).

Yours sincerely

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APPENDICES

Nil.