



OUTCOMES OF THE 97TH SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM097)

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PURPOSE

To provide the SRB with the outcomes of the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) relevant to the mandate of the SRB.

BACKGROUND

The agenda of the Commission's Annual Meeting (AM097) included several agenda items relevant to the SRB:

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2020) & HARVEST DECISION TABLE (2021)
 - 5.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) (2020) (L. Erikson)
 - 5.2 Space-time modelling of survey data and FISS designs for 2021-23 (R. Webster)
 - 5.3 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2020), and harvest decision table (2021) (I. Stewart)
 - 5.4 Pacific halibut mortality projections using the IPHC mortality projection tool (2021) (I. Stewart)
 - 5.5 Size limit review (I. Stewart)
6. IPHC SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
 - 6.1 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Plan (2017-21): update (J. Planas)
7. REPORT OF THE 21ST SESSION OF THE IPHC RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB020) (J. Planas)
8. REPORTS OF THE IPHC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW BOARD (S. Cox)
9. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION
 - 9.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)
 - 9.2 Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (A. Kaiser, R. Baker)

6. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2019) & HARVEST DECISION TABLE (2020)
 - 6.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2019
 - 6.2 Space-time modelling of IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) data
 - 6.3 Stock Assessment: Independent peer review of the Pacific halibut stock assessment
 - 6.4 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2019), and harvest decision table (2020)
 - 6.5 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 Plan: update
8. REPORT OF THE 20TH SESSION OF THE IPHC RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB020)
9. REPORTS OF THE 14th AND 15TH SESSIONS OF THE IPHC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW BOARD (SRB014; SRB015)
10. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION
 - 10.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update
 - 10.2 Reports of the 13th and 14th Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB013; MSAB014)

DISCUSSION

During the course of the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) the Commission made a number of specific recommendations and requests for action regarding the stock assessment, MSE process, and 5-year research program. Relevant sections from the report of the meeting are provided in [Appendix A](#) for the SRB's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SRB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2021-SRB018-04 which details the outcomes of the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) relevant to the mandate of the SRB.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Excerpts from the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) Report ([IPHC-2021-AM097-R](#)).

APPENDIX A
Excerpt from the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) Report
[\(IPHC-2021-AM097-R\)](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil.

REQUESTS

Management Strategy Evaluation

AM097–Req.02 ([para. 70](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat consider and develop a draft MSE Program of Work for review by the Commission. The MSE Program of Work should describe technical versus policy-oriented issues, linkages between/among specific work products, and sequencing considerations between/among items. The MSE Program of Work should describe the resources required to complete items.

Pacific halibut fishery economics update

AM097–Req.04 ([para. 94](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat develop and distribute a Media Release on the Fishery economic project and the associated economic survey for industry to complete.