



National Report template

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to review the proposed template for the National Report.

BACKGROUND

The Commission has directed the IPHC Secretariat to update the format of National Reports that each Contracting Party (CP) submits annually ahead of the IPHC Annual Meeting Session.

DISCUSSION

The proposed National Report template is available in [Appendix I](#). This document is provided to facilitate the discussion on the National Report content.

The template is designed to streamline the development of the National Report and enhance consistency across CPs. The proposed content closely aligns with the annual submissions from both Canada and USA but focuses on improved organization for more straightforward comparison. At the same time, the template maintains flexibility to accommodate information that each CP deems important to share. This initiative aims to simplify reporting by each CP and promote greater uniformity in reporting practices.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2023-IM099-INF03, which provides the Commission with an opportunity to review the proposed template for the National Report.

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): Proposed National Report template.



National Report: Canada / United States of America

PREPARED BY: AGENCY (DATE)

Please submit this document as a Word (.doc) version to the IPHC Secretariat.
AM100 deadline is 23 December 2023.

PURPOSE

To provide an overview of the Pacific halibut fisheries in 2023 in the IPHC Convention waters and the national waters of Canada/the United States of America.

Contracting party: Canada / United States of America

Reporting agency:

Contact person: name, email address (if multiple, specify sector)

SUMMARY

Provide a high-level overview of key findings across all fisheries sectors, summarizing sector-specific highlights and management priorities described in this report.

Use this section also to provide a general information on allocation distribution between sectors and any carryover adjustments. The following sections request sector-specific information. However, exclude information on the process of distribution mortality limits (TCEY) between IPHC Regulatory Areas decided at the Commission level.

Note: consider using a table or figure to illustrate allocation distribution between sectors.

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES OVERVIEW

Regulatory framework

Provide a brief description of the legal and regulatory context for the commercial sector, detailing recent changes and policy initiatives.

Include information about the directed commercial fishery, as well as incidental fisheries allowed to retain Pacific halibut.

Monitoring

Provide a brief description of the data collection programs in place for the commercial sector, detailing recent improvements when applicable.

Discuss here also any technological developments in place that may be affecting the data collection, for example, new electronic monitoring programs.

Fishery statistics

Provide summary statistics relevant for the sector. This should include:

- Allocation – including any carryovers implemented
- Landings and discard mortality –including relevant details on the delivery form (fresh, frozen, live), by domestically-used management areas when applicable
- Fleet structure and capacity – gear use, number of licensed vessels, number of issued licenses, number of quota holders etc.
- Processing-related statistics, including wholesale volume and value

For landings and discard mortality statistics, include details on adopted estimation methods. This can be added as an appendix – see section Appendices.

Compliance with regulations and enforcement

Provide here a brief compliance report for the sector. Summarize enforcement priorities, enforcement actions and identified violations. Focus on quantitative details that can be compared over time. Ensure descriptions are succinct.

Note: enforcement actions can be summarized as a table, preferably in a format that can be easily compared over time.

Sector-specific challenges and context items

Provide a brief description of sector-specific challenges, including also broader context items that were seen to have a significant impact on the sector.

This may include environmental policies such as development of marine protected areas overlapping with Pacific halibut fishing grounds, policies affecting the market, environmental challenges such as marine heat waves, etc.

RECREATIONAL FISHERIES OVERVIEW

Regulatory framework

Provide a brief description of the legal and regulatory context for the recreational sector, detailing recent changes and policy initiatives. Specify if there are regional variations.

Provide details on management measures applicable this year (season dates, bag limits, size limits, etc.) and any in-season actions changing the management measures.

Monitoring

Provide a brief description of the data collection programs in place for the recreational sector, detailing recent improvements when applicable.

Discuss here also any technological developments in place that may be affecting the data collection, for example, new electronic monitoring programs.

Fishery statistics

Provide summary statistics relevant for the sector. This should include:

- Allocation – including any carryovers implemented
- Effort - number of issued licenses, effort in angler-days, etc.
- Landings and discard mortality – including landings under programs allowing quota leasing from the commercial sector, by domestically-used management areas when available
- Landings or mortality patterns – if available, by month
- Recreational age or length frequencies, if available

For landings and discard mortality statistics, include details on adopted estimation methods. This can be added as an appendix – see section Appendices.

Compliance with regulations and enforcement

Provide here a brief compliance report for the sector. Summarize enforcement priorities, enforcement actions and identified violations. Focus on quantitative details that can be compared over time. Ensure descriptions are succinct.

Note: enforcement actions can be summarized as a table, preferably in a format that can be easily compared over time.

Sector-specific challenges and context items

Provide a brief description of sector-specific challenges, including also broader context items that were seen to have a significant impact on the sector.

SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES OVERVIEW

Regulatory framework

Provide a brief description of the legal and regulatory context for the subsistence fisheries, detailing recent changes and policy initiatives.

Monitoring

Provide a brief description of the data collection programs in place for the subsistence fisheries, detailing recent improvements when applicable.

Fishery statistics

Provide summary mortality statistics relevant for the sector. Include details on adopted estimation methods. This can be added as an appendix – see section Appendices.

NON-DIRECTED COMMERCIAL DISCARD MORTALITY OVERVIEW

Regulatory framework

Provide a brief description of the legal and regulatory context for the non-directed discard mortality of Pacific halibut in fisheries not allowed Pacific halibut retention, detailing recent changes and policy initiatives. Include information about any programs that may offer exceptions for retention (e.g., SeaShare program in Alaska).

Monitoring

Provide a brief description of the data collection programs in place for the non-directed discard mortality, detailing coverage and recent improvements when applicable.

Discuss here also any technological developments in place that may be affecting the data collection, for example, new electronic monitoring programs.

Fishery statistics

Provide summary statistics for non-directed discard mortality for fisheries with estimates available. If available, summarize also non-directed discard length frequencies. Include details on adopted estimation methods. This can be added as an appendix – see section Appendices.

Identify fisheries known to catch Pacific halibut for which non-directed discard mortality estimates are not available.

OTHER

Utilize this section to highlight any other activities relevant to Pacific halibut management. This can include development of aquaculture, new fisheries, relevant research, etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) NOTE paper IPHC-2023-AM100-NR0X which provides the Commission with an overview from [AGENCY NAME] of the Pacific halibut fisheries in 2023 in the IPHC Convention waters and the national waters of Canada/the United States of America.

RESOURCES

Provide relevant links.

APPENDICES

Add as needed, delete when not applicable.

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