



OUTCOMES OF THE 98TH SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM098)

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PURPOSE

To provide the RAB with the outcomes of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098), relevant to the mandate of the RAB.

BACKGROUND

The agenda of the Commission's Annual Meeting (AM098) included several agenda items relevant to the RAB:

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2021) & HARVEST DECISION TABLE (2022)

- 5.1 *IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2021 (K. Ualesi, D. Wilson, C. Jones & R. Rillera)*
- 5.2 *Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)*
- 5.3 *2022-24 FISS designs (R. Webster)*
- 5.4 *Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2021), and harvest decision table (2022) (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster, D. Wilson, & B. Hutniczak)*
- 5.5 *Pacific halibut mortality projections using the IPHC mortality projection tool (2022) (I. Stewart)*

6. IPHC SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

- 6.1 *IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Plan (2017-21): update (J. Planas)*

8. PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERY ECONOMICS – PROJECT REPORT

- 8.1 *Pacific Halibut Multiregional Economic Impact Assessment (PHMEIA) (B. Hutniczak)*

DISCUSSION

During the course of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) 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 RAB's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the RAB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2022-RAB023-04 which details the outcomes of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098), relevant to the mandate of the RAB.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Excerpts from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) Report ([IPHC-2022-AM098-R](#)).

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Excerpt from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) Report
[\(IPHC-2022-AM098-R\)](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Length-Weight

AM098–Rec.03 ([para. 121](#)) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** the adoption of the updated length-weight relationship as detailed in paper [IPHC-2022-AM098-INF07](#), and its dissemination to the appropriate domestic management agencies.

REQUESTS

Pacific halibut fishery economics – Project Report

AM098–Req.07 ([para. 73](#)) The Commission **AGREED** that it wished to see the Commission improve its knowledge of key inputs into the Pacific halibut stock assessment and Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) processes, thereby providing the best possible advice for management decision making processes. Accordingly the Commission **REQUESTED** that no additional economic analyses be undertaken and that the Commission instead dedicate its efforts and funds to core areas of responsibility.

IPHC Rules of Procedure (2022)

AM098–Req.08 ([para. 105](#)) The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2022), as provided in [IPHC-2022-FAC098-09](#), and **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly with the following amendments:

1) amend para. 1.a of the RAB ToR's to read as follows:

“1.1.a Suggest research topics to be considered for incorporation in the IPHC integrated research and monitoring activities, as well as to comment upon operational and implementation considerations of those research and monitoring activities.”