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**Update on actions arising from the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099),  
2023 Special Sessions, 2023 intersessional decisions, and the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC  
Interim Meeting (IM099)**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission.

**BACKGROUND**

At the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098), Contracting Parties agreed on a series of actions to be taken by Commissioners, subsidiary bodies, and the IPHC Secretariat on a range of issues as detailed in [Appendix A](#).

In addition, the Commission made a number of decisions during a Special Session in 2023 (SS013) as detailed in [Appendix B](#), and intersessional decisions, as detailed in [Appendix C](#).

Finally, at the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM099), the Commission made a number of decisions, as detailed in [Appendix D](#).

**DISCUSSION**

Noting that best practice governance requires the prompt delivery of core tasks assigned to the IPHC Secretariat by the Commission, at each session of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, any recommendations for action are carefully constructed so that each contains the following elements:

- 1) a specific action to be undertaken (deliverable);
- 2) clear responsibility for the action to be undertaken (i.e. a specific Contracting Party, the IPHC Secretariat staff, a subsidiary body of the Commission, or the Commission itself);
- 3) a desired time frame for delivery of the action (i.e. by the next session of a subsidiary body, or other date).

This involves numbering and tracking all action items from the Commission, as well as including clear progress updates and document reference numbers.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2024-AM100-03, which provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission.

**APPENDICES**

[Appendix A](#): Update on actions arising from the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099: January 2023)

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## APPENDIX A

Update on actions arising from the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099: January 2023)

99 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)		
Action No.	Description	Update
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
AM099– Rec.01 ( <a href="#">para. 12</a> )	<p><b>International Pacific Halibut Commission 5-year program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-26)</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Secretariat annually present potential changes to the Plan at the IPHC Interim Meeting. The Commission would then have the opportunity to provide any redirection based on Commission priorities and available funding. To assist in making that assessment, the Secretariat will be preparing a progress report annually.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed and Ongoing</b></p> <p>See paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-06</a></p>
AM099– Rec.02 ( <a href="#">para. 76</a> )	<p><b>IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that for the purpose of a comprehensive and intelligible Harvest Strategy Policy (HSP), four coastwide objectives should be documented within the HSP, in priority order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the long-term coastwide female spawning stock biomass above a biomass limit reference point (B20%) at least 95% of the time.</li> <li>Maintain the long-term coastwide female spawning stock biomass at or above a biomass reference point (B36%) 50% or more of the time.</li> <li>Optimise average coastwide TCEY.</li> <li>Limit annual changes in the coastwide TCEY.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>The four priority coastwide objectives are included in a draft Harvest Strategy Policy document.</p> <p>See paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-11</a></p>
AM099– Rec.03 ( <a href="#">para. 84</a> )	<p>The Commission <b>AGREED</b> sufficient analysis has been completed and <b>RECOMMENDED</b> not to change the current 32 inch size limit.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>MSE results were presented at AM099 and the status quo size limit (32 inches) was maintained in the Fishery Regulations for 2023.</p>
AM099– Rec.04 ( <a href="#">para. 104</a> )	<p><b>IPHC Fishery Regulations: Logs (Sect. 20) – Logs requirements</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the IPHC work with NOAA Fisheries on data sharing arrangement to retrieve Pacific halibut data submitted via Pacific Coast Groundfish non-trawl logbook.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (B. Hutniczak)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>Data sharing agreement in place and available on <a href="#">IPHC website</a>.</p>

99 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)		
Action No.	Description	Update
AM099– Rec.05 ( <a href="#">para. 137</a> )	<b><i>IPHC meetings calendar (2023-25)</i></b> The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the 13 <sup>th</sup> Special Session of the Commission be held electronically in mid-April 2023 to review and adopt an FY2024 budget.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> Meeting held 18 April 2023. <a href="https://www.iphc.int/venues/details/13th-special-session-of-the-iphc-ss013">https://www.iphc.int/venues/details/13th-special-session-of-the-iphc-ss013</a>
<b>REQUESTS</b>		
AM099– Req.01 ( <a href="#">para. 35</a> )	<b><i>2023-25 FISS design evaluation</i></b> The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> a desktop review to determine if reducing bait size on the FISS would substantially reduce costs, while not reducing catch rates and associated fish sale revenue to any large degree.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (R. Webster) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> Changing the bait size was discussed among other options for FISS cost reduction in IPHC-2023-BN09
AM099– Req.02 ( <a href="#">para. 44</a> )	The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that the Secretariat provide a breakdown of costs associated with the FISS over the last three (3) years and what is projected for the 2023 FISS, and for this to be presented at the 13 <sup>th</sup> Special Session of the Commission (SS013).	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (K. Ualesi) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> Detailed provided in the margins of SS013.
AM099– Req.03 ( <a href="#">para. 61</a> )	<b><i>Pacific halibut mortality projections using the IPHC mortality projection tool (2023)</i></b> The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> a table be prepared annually that details the historical TCEY decisions, that is currently published on the IPHC website [ <a href="https://www.iphc.int/uploads/data/time-series-datasets/excel/iphc-2023-tsd-017.xlsx">https://www.iphc.int/uploads/data/time-series-datasets/excel/iphc-2023-tsd-017.xlsx</a> ]	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (I. Stewart) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> Table to be updated annually for Commission use.
AM099– Req.04 ( <a href="#">para. 66</a> )	The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that the Secretariat provide a summary of the proposed and ongoing research projects at the Secretariat, including status updates, suggestions for potential priority setting by the Commission, links to the IPHC's mandate and how the research will inform decision-making, guidance on types of research that should be considered for internal funding versus types of research that would be contingent on the availability of external funding or partnerships, among other criteria that may be requested by the Commission.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (J. Planas) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> See paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-06</a>
AM099– Req.05 ( <a href="#">para. 67</a> )	<b><i>Report on current and future biological and ecosystem science research activities</i></b> The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that the Secretariat highlight the elements of its 5YRPIRM (the Plan) that will inform its understanding of the impacts of climate change on Pacific halibut in its annual presentations of the research Plan to the Commission.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (J. Planas) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> This is planned for the AM100. See paper and associated ppt: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-06</a>

<b>99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)</b>		
<b>Action No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Update</b>
AM099– Req.06 ( <a href="#">para. 88</a> )	<p><b>IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update</b></p> <p><b>NOTING</b> paragraph 60 from the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the SRB (SRB021), the Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> the Secretariat develop a description of options to responding to exceptional circumstances that would trigger a stock assessment in non-assessment years and additional MSE analyses.</p> <p><i>IPHC-2022-SRB021-R, para 60: The SRB RECOMMENDED that Exceptional Circumstances be defined to determine whether monitoring information has potentially departed from their expected distributions generated by the MSE. Declaration of Exceptional Circumstances may warrant re-opening and revising the operating models and testing procedures used to justify a particular management procedure.</i></p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>In progress</b></p> <p>The Secretariat is working with the SRB to develop a description of options for exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>See paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-11</a></p>
AM099– Req.07 ( <a href="#">para. 132</a> )	<p><b>IPHC Rules of Procedure (2022)</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>ADOPTED</b> the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2023), as provided in <a href="#">IPHC-2023-FAC098-09</a>, and <b>REQUESTED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly, with the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Amend para. 14b-e of the PAB TOR's to read as follows:</li> <li>b) <i>Proxies are allowed from accredited members from the PAB;</i></li> <li>c) <i>Only one proxy per attending member;</i></li> <li>d) <i>Proxies will be submitted to the IPHC Secretariat prior to the PAB meeting in written or electronic form;</i></li> <li>e) <i>A general proxy will authorize a designated PAB member to vote on any or all topics brought before the PAB on behalf of a PAB member who cannot attend. A specific proxy will authorize a PAB member to vote on specifically named topics (listed on the proxy itself) on behalf of the PAB member who can not attend.</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>Published on 13 February 2023 via IPHC Circular (<a href="#">IPHC-2023-CR-002</a>)</p> <p>Direct link to 2022 ROP: <a href="#">IPHC-2023-ROP23</a></p>
AM099– Req.08 ( <a href="#">para. 133</a> )	<p>The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that a working group involving interested PAB members, convened by the IPHC Secretariat, be formed to determine if additional edits to the PAB Rules of Procedure are necessary on topics including but not limited to membership eligibility. Any further amendments are to be provided to the Commission within three (3) months.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (A. Keikkala)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>The suggestions by the Ad-Hoc WG were provided to the Commission.</p>

99 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)		
Action No.	Description	Update
AM099– Req.09 ( <a href="#">para. 144</a> )	<p><b><i>Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)</i></b></p> <p>The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC <i>Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2023)</i> as soon as possible, <b>NOTING</b> that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM099.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (B. Hutniczak)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>Published on 2 February 2023.</p> <p>Direct link to 2022 Fishery Regulations: <a href="#">IPHC-2023-FISHR23</a></p>

## APPENDIX B

## Update on actions arising from 2023 Special Sessions of the Commission

Action No.	Description	Update
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the IPHC (SS013) (18 April 2023)</b>		
SS013-Rec.01 <a href="#">(para. 17)</a>	<p><b>Budget Estimates: FY2024 (for approval): Fund 30 – Statistics: Directed commercial catch sampling of Pacific halibut in Alaska</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>DISCUSSED</b> the merit in continuing with the NOAA-Fisheries grant program, and <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The IPHC has no mandate to undertake activities on sablefish, and should only do so with an expressed directive from the Commission to do so;</li> <li>b) Should the Commission direct the IPHC Secretariat to undertake sablefish activities in Alaska as part of the new grant period, then:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the IPHC should not take on any risks associated with uncertainty regarding the amount of funding available or with the variation in the amount of work required to fulfill sablefish activities;</li> <li>• the IPHC should be reimbursed in-full for any sablefish work (100% cost-recovered) in-year and without delay, and that the Secretariat will cease work at the point that its eligible costs exceed the grant funding available;</li> <li>• Sablefish work would be secondary to Pacific halibut work.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson &amp; A. Keikkala)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>The Commission has not provided a directive to include sablefish into the new NOAA-Fisheries Alaska cost-recovery grant.</p> <p>The Grant was submitted by the deadline provided by NOAA-Fisheries, without sablefish activities included.</p> <p>Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, the IPHC Secretariat will provide sablefish logbooks from 2023 to NOAA-Fisheries.</p>
SS013-Rec.02 <a href="#">(para. 19)</a>	<p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that further intersessional discussions be held between the IPHC and NOAA-Fisheries (including the AFSC), to determine if the sablefish logbook data could be entered into NMFS logbooks rather than IPHC logbooks, thereby removing the IPHC from the sablefish process. Alternatively, such discussion should determine if IPHC logbooks containing sablefish landings could be provided directly to NOAA-Fisheries for data entry.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (B. Hutniczak)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>Sablefish logbook data can already be entered into the NMFS logbooks, rather than the IPHC logbooks. There is no impediment.</p> <p>Making it mandatory would require amending 50 CFR Part 679.</p> <p>The IPHC logbooks containing sablefish landings could be provided to NOAA Fisheries for data entry via Auke Bay Lab. A formal agreement is suggested for sharing logbooks that contain also Pacific halibut fishing activity. Safeguards provided by <a href="#">IPHC Data Confidentiality Policy and Data Sharing Procedures</a> would apply.</p>

Action No.	Description	Update
		This should be implemented also for previously collected logs. Effective date: 1 October 2023.
SS013-Rec.03 (para. 20)	The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that, as soon as possible, the IPHC Secretariat provide an analysis of commercial sampling needs for Pacific halibut in Alaska, including an examination of biological sampling rates by port, and whether all ports need to be staffed annually or could be staffed at some lesser interval on a staggered basis to reduce costs without unacceptably compromising data quality.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (I. Stewart, R. Webster) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> <b>See:</b> <b>IPHC-2023-WM2023-INF03</b> PHC-2023-BN10: Potential modifications and efficiencies for IPHC sampling of directed commercial landings (IPHC Secretariat)
SS013-Rec.04 (para. 28)	<b>Budget Estimates: FY2024 (for approval): Contributions to the General Fund</b> <b>NOTING</b> that the primary purpose of the annual IPHC Interim Meeting (typically held in November each year) is to share preliminary updates and assessment results with interested stakeholders, and that this has been achieved effectively over the past three (3) years via the use of online meeting platforms, the Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that effective FY2024, the IPHC Interim Meeting shall permanently be held via online meeting platforms, including for Contracting Party delegations (FY2024 cost saving: US\$13,500).	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> The Interim Meeting was removed from the FY2024 budget. Moving forward it will be held online only.
<b>REQUESTS</b>		
SS013-Req.01 (para. 9)	<b>Budget Estimates: FY2024 (for approval): Fund 20 – Research: Biological and Ecosystem Sciences annual reporting</b> The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that, as part of the annual reporting to the Commission on the Biological and Ecosystem Science Branch activities, that the Secretariat provide a summary table that incorporates the following elements for Commission review:  a) Current project abstract, including objectives, links to IPHC’s core mandate and how it will inform Commissioner’s decisions; b) Related Commission decisions and directives; c) Timeline for deliverables; d) Funding sources; e) Progress report.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson & J. Planas) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> Note that the 5YPIRM covers all research and monitoring and not only the BESB. See paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-06</a>



## APPENDIXC

## Update on actions arising from 2023 Interessional Decisions of the Commission

<i>Interessional Decisions (ID)</i>		
IPHC-2023-ID001:	The Commission <b>AGREED</b> to make an exception to paragraph 3 of Rule 15 (Reports and Records) of the IPHC Rules of Procedure, and to exceptionally adopt the Report of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Special Session (SS013) beyond the 15-day post-meeting deadline for report adoption by the Commission.	<p><b>Lead:</b> Commission and IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>The Report of the SS013 was adopted via correspondence on 16 May 2023 via IPHC Circular <a href="#">IPHC-2023-CR-007</a>, the 'date of notification'.</p>
IPHC-2023-ID002:	<p><b>2023 FISS DESIGN AMENDED</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>ENDORSED</b> an optimized design for the 2023 FISS as provided at Attachment I, that balances the Commissions primary and secondary objectives for the FISS, noting that the design amends that which was previously endorsed at IM098 in November 2022 and will consist of 891 stations.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (K. Ualesi and R. Webster)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>See paper <b>IPHC-2023-IM099-08</b> See also: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-13</a></p>
IPHC-2023-ID003:	<p><b>SELECTION OF AUDITOR FOR FY2023, FY2024 AND FY2025 STATEMENT AUDITS</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>ENDORSED</b> the appointment of the external auditor 'Clark Nuber' to audit the accounts of the IPHC for FY2023, FY2024, and FY2025.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson and A. Keikkala)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p> <p><a href="#">IPHC-2023-CR012</a> (ID003): 5 June 2023</p> <p>The Contract with Clark Number was signed on 21 July 2023.</p>
IPHC-2023-ID004:	<p><b>CONTRACTING PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FY2024</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>NOTED</b> the indicated Contracting Party (CP) contributions for FY2024 prescribed by each CP subsequent to the 13<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the Commission (SS013) as follows:</p> <p>Canada: Contribution to the IPHC General Fund would be 3% higher than the amount provided in FY2023 = US\$927,419.21</p> <p>U.S.A.: Contribution to the IPHC General Fund would be 3% higher than the amount provided in FY2023 = US\$4,282,492.80 (subject to appropriations)</p> <p>Extra-budgetary funds:</p> <p>U.S.A.: Contribution to the IPHC Secretariat Headquarters Lease and Maintenance: US\$513,712.50</p> <p>Canada/U.S.A.: US\$127,848.00 each (for the old IFCPF deficit - voluntary payment)</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> Commission</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p>

<p><b>IPHC-2023-ID005:</b></p>	<p><b>NOTING</b> that the abovementioned contributions equate to US\$528,812.25 less than the FY2024 budget proposed for adoption at SS013 to maintain the current staffing levels and level of operations of the IPHC Secretariat into FY2024, the Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> the following budget and associated service reductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. -US\$13,500 – removal of the IPHC Interim Meeting from the IPHC Meetings budget line. The meeting shall be held in a fully remote/online format moving forward;</li> <li>ii. -US40,060 – removal of the IPHC MSAB meeting from the IPHC Meetings budget line for FY2024. The meetings scheduled for FY2024 (1 Oct 2023 to 30 Sept 2024) shall be held in a fully remote/online format;</li> <li>iii. -US\$217,456 – removal of 1 x FTE at the level IPHC-GS-13 (Manager) (salary, wages, and benefits);</li> <li>iv. -US257,796 – removal of FTE's sufficient to match (salary, wages, and benefits)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson and A. Keikkala)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p>
<p><b>IPHC-2023-ID006:</b></p>	<p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat provide a revised FY2024 budget with the above-mentioned Contracting Party contributions and reductions for adoption via the Intersessional Decision-making process prescribed in the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2023).</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson and A. Keikkala)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p><a href="#">IPHC-2023-CR018</a>: For Decision FY2024 budget</p> <p>IPHC-2023-CR019: Intersessional Decision ID008 – FY2024 Budget</p>
<p><b>IPHC-2023-ID007:</b></p>	<p><b>2023 IPHC BAIT CALIBRATION STUDY</b></p> <p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat undertake a bait calibration study using two bait types (Chum salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>) and Pink salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>)) in fall 2023.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (K. Ualesi and I. Stewart)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>In progress</b></p> <p><a href="#">IPHC-2023-MR012</a> IPHC Media Release 2023-012 Fall 2023 Bait Comparison Study Request for Tender.</p> <p>Sampling has been completed. Analysis will be undertaken by the Secretariat prior to AM100.</p>
<p><b>IPHC-2023-ID008:</b></p>	<p><b>Budget Estimates: FY2024</b></p> <p>The Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>NOTED</b> paper <a href="#">IPHC-2023-ID008</a> that provided the budget estimates for FY2024 (1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024) for adoption.</li> <li>2) <b>ADOPTED</b> the FY2024 budget (1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024) as detailed in Appendix I, including the contributions from the Contracting Parties to the General Fund for FY2024 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: <b>US\$927,419.21</b></li> <li>• U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: <b>US\$4,282,492.80</b> (subject to appropriations)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b></p> <p>Invoices will be sent to each Contracting Party no later than 1 September 2023.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: <b>US\$513,712.50</b></li> </ul> <p>3) <b>NOTED</b> the optional extra-budgetary (IFCP Fund deficit) contributions from each Contracting Party for FY2024 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): <b>US\$127,848</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• U.S.A.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): <b>US\$127,848</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>4) <b>NOTED</b> that Fund 35 – AK Cost-Recovery expenses are budgeted at <b>US\$947,371</b> for FY2024, however, the amount that NOAA fisheries will agree to reimburse will not be known until March/April 2025, and the IPHC will not be reimbursed until 1 October 2025, two fiscal years after the expenses were incurred. Thus, as a precautionary measure, the heads of delegation have directed the Secretariat to include an estimated <b>US\$875,000</b> to be reimbursed through the cost-recovery program and a further <b>US\$72,371</b> to be provided in supplementary income from NOAA fisheries. Reductions in services may be necessary if the supplementary income received is less than the <b>US\$72,371</b> needed to meet the total estimated FY2024 expenditures of <b>US\$947,371</b>.</p>	
<b>IPHC-2023-ID009:</b>	The Commission <b>ENDORSED</b> the amendments to the IPHC Rules of Procedure, as provided at Appendix I, and <b>REQUESTED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> <a href="#">IPHC-2023-CR-026</a> <a href="https://www.iphc.int/the-commission">https://www.iphc.int/the-commission</a>

## APPENDIX D

Update on actions arising from the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM099: November/December 2023)

Action No.	Description	Update
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the IPHC (SS013) (18 April 2023)</b>		
IM099-Rec.01 ( <a href="#">para. 13</a> )	<b>Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB024)</b> The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat investigate avenues for leveraging external co-funding from granting agencies, industry, and other sources, to undertake research aimed at fishing technological advances that would benefit Pacific halibut fisheries/sectors.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (Topic specific leads) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Ongoing</b> This will be an ongoing activity moving forward.
IM099-Rec.02 ( <a href="#">para. 15</a> )	<b>International Pacific Halibut Commission 5-year program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-26)</b> The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat add commentary on the importance / likely effects on the stock assessment of each research area within section "6.1.3 Biology and Ecology."	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (I. Stewart) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> The IPHC Secretariat will add this to the table as requested. See also: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-06</a>
IM099-Rec.03 ( <a href="#">para. 16</a> )	The Commission <b>AGREED</b> that leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) has substantial potential to bring efficiencies and other benefits to the IPHC's research and monitoring activities. Accordingly, the Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Secretariat explore potential applications of AI across the broad range of research and monitoring activities outlined in the IPHC's 5-Year Program of Integrated Research and Monitoring. This exploration should include identification of lessons to be learned and opportunities that AI might present for the IPHC's activities.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (Topic specific leads) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Ongoing</b> This will be an ongoing activity moving forward.
IM099-Rec.04 ( <a href="#">para. 36</a> )	<b>IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update</b> <b>NOTING</b> the current priority objectives, the Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Secretariat, working with the MSAB and SRB, explore the development of a new coastwide objective related to absolute spawning biomass or catch-rates, to either replace the current B36% objective or be added as a fifth priority objective. The Secretariat supports developing a new objective for the Commission to decide if it is a useful objective to assist in determining an MP that optimizes yield via optimal catch-rates or opportunity.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>In progress</b> The IPHC Secretariat will add this to the agenda of the MSAB and SRB meetings scheduled in the first half of 2024.
IM099-Rec.05 ( <a href="#">para. 64</a> )	<b>Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities</b> The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat add commentary on the importance / likely effects on the stock assessment when presenting of on each of the primary biological research activities.	<b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (J. Planas) <b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed</b> The IPHC Secretariat has incorporated responses to this Recommendation in the presentation for paper <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-14</a> .

Action No.	Description	Update
IM099-Rec.06 ( <a href="#">para. 66</a> )	<p><b><i>IPHC Fishery regulations: Proposals for the 2023-24 process</i></b></p> <p>The Commission <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that interested stakeholders note the deadline for submission of IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals, for consideration at the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the Annual Meeting (AM100), of <b>23 December 2023</b>. Late proposals will not be considered at AM100, but stakeholders may also submit statements up until the day before the AM100. More information is available via the updated IPHC website: <a href="https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/">https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/</a>.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (Stakeholders)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p> <p>Multiple Media Releases, Reports, and Circulars posted to the website and our contact list.</p>
<b>REQUESTS</b>		
IM099-Req.01 ( <a href="#">para. 19</a> )	<p><b><i>Fishery-dependent data overview (2023)</i></b></p> <p>The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that moving forward, the presentation associated with the fishery-dependent data overview paper, include a comparison of the current year values for each sector with those from the previous year.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (B. Hutniczak)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p> <p>See the presentation associated with paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-07</a></p>
IM099-Req.02 ( <a href="#">para. 23</a> )	<p><b><i>IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2023</i></b></p> <p>The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that, moving forward, a map similar to Fig.2, but of stations that were realized during the sampling season be presented and included in the meeting report, with ineffective stations being identified separately from those sampled (via a third colour or icon).</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (K. Ualesi)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p> <p>See paper: <a href="#">IPHC-2024-AM100-08</a></p>
IM099-Req.03 ( <a href="#">para. 50</a> )	<p><b><i>2024-28 FISS design evaluation</i></b></p> <p>The Commission <b>REQUESTED</b> that the IPHC Secretariat provide an intersessional decision paper within one week, that would describe the operational and financial estimates for a FISS charter region in IPHC Regulatory Area 4CDE. The intention is for the Commission to review and provide an intersessional decision on whether to proceed with a charter region in IPHC Regulatory Area 4CDE as part of the 2024 RFT process.</p>	<p><b>Lead:</b> IPHC Secretariat (K. Ualesi, R. Webster)</p> <p><b>Status/Plan:</b> <b>Completed.</b></p> <p>Provided intersessionally.</p>