

INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC



HALIBUT COMMISSION

Update on actions arising

Agenda item: 3.1

IPHC-2024-AM100-03

(D. Wilson)



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 99th 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 99th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM099), the Commission made a number of decisions, as detailed in Appendix D.

Progress

99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)

- 5 x Recommendations = 5 x **Completed**
- 9 x Requests = 8 x **Completed**; 1 x **In progress**

13th Special Session of the Commission (SS013)

- 4 x Recommendation = 3 x **Completed**; 1 x **Ongoing**
- 1 x Requests = 1 x **Completed**

Intersessional Decision (ID) (IPHC-2022-CR-007)

- 9 x Recommendations = 8 x **Completed**; 1 x **In progress**

99th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM099)

- 6 x Recommendations = 3 x **Completed**; 1 x **In progress**; 2 x **Ongoing**
- 3 x Requests = 3 x **Completed**

*RECOMMENDED;
RECOMMENDATION; ADOPTED
(formal)*

*REQUESTED; ENDORSED;
ACCEPTED (informal)*

A conclusion for an action to be undertaken, by a Contracting Party, a subsidiary (advisory) body of the Commission and/or the IPHC Secretariat.

99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)

- 5 x Recommendations = 5 x **Completed**
- 9 x Requests = 8 x **Completed**; 1 x **In progress**

99 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)		
Action No.	Description	Update
AM099– Req.06 (para. 88)	<p><i>IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update</i></p> <p>NOTING paragraph 60 from the 21st Session of the SRB (SRB021), the Commission REQUESTED 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>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p>Status/Plan: In progress</p> <p>The Secretariat is working with the SRB to develop a description of options for exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>See paper: IPHC-2024-AM100-11</p>

13th Special Session of the Commission (SS013)

- 4 x Recommendation = 3 x **Completed**; 1 x **Ongoing**
- 1 x Requests = 1 x **Completed**

<p>SS013- Rec.02 (para. 19)</p>	<p>The Commission RECOMMENDED 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>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (B. Hutniczak)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Ongoing</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 IPHC Data Confidentiality Policy and Data Sharing Procedures would apply.</p>
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Intersessional Decision (ID) (IPHC-2022-CR-007)

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<p>IPHC-2023-ID007:</p>	<p><i>2023 IPHC BAIT CALIBRATION STUDY</i></p> <p>The Commission RECOMMENDED that the IPHC Secretariat undertake a bait calibration study using two bait types (Chum salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>) and <u>Pink salmon</u> (<i>Oncorhynchus <u>gorbuscha</u></i>)) in fall 2023.</p>	<p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (K. Ualesi and I. Stewart)</p> <p>Status/Plan: In progress</p> <p><u>IPHC-2023-MR012</u> 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>
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- 3 x Requests = 3 x **Completed**

Action No.	Description	Update
13th Special Session of the IPHC (SS013) (18 April 2023)		
IM099-Rec.01 (para. 13)	<p><i>Report of the 24th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB024)</i></p> <p>The Commission RECOMMENDED 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.</p>	<p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (Topic specific leads)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Ongoing</p> <p>This will be an ongoing activity moving forward.</p>

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<p>IM099- Rec.03 (para. 16)</p>	<p>The Commission AGREED 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 RECOMMENDED 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.</p>	<p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (Topic specific leads) Status/Plan: Ongoing This will be an ongoing activity moving forward.</p>
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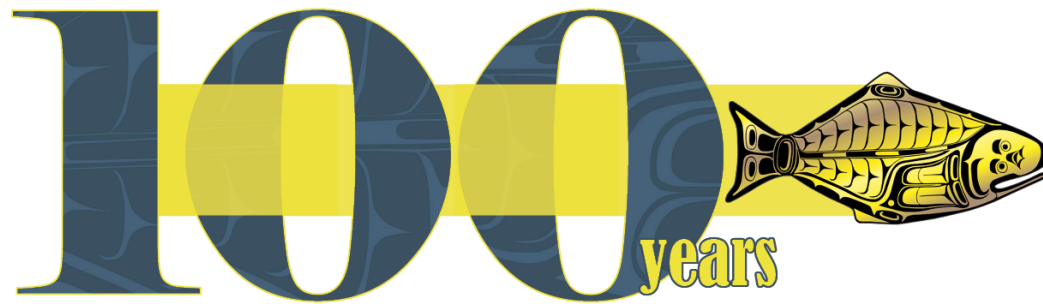
<p>IM099- Rec.04 (para. 36)</p>	<p><i>IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update</i> NOTING the current priority objectives, the Commission RECOMMENDED that the Secretariat, working with the MSAB and SRB, explore the development of a new coastwide objective related to absolute spawning biomass or catch-rates, 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.</p>	<p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks) Status/Plan: In progress The IPHC Secretariat will add this to the agenda of the MSAB and SRB meetings scheduled in the first half of 2024.</p>
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Recommendation

- That the Commission **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.



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