



Implementation of the Recommendations from the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02)

Agenda item: 3.3
IPHC-2024-AM100-05
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Purpose

- To provide the Commission with an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02).

Background

- The Report of the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02), IPHC-2019-PRIPHC02-R (adopted on 11 October 2019) is available for download from the IPHC website:

<https://www.iphc.int/library/documents/post/iphc-2019-priphc02-r-report-of-the-2nd-performance-review-of-the-international-pacific-halibut-commission-priphc02>

The following is a summary of the status of each of the detailed updated provided in Appendix A

PRIPHC02 Recommendation	Status
Completed and/or annually ongoing	18
In Progress	5
Pending (from Contracting Parties)	2
On-Hold (decision = no action to be taken)	1
Total	26

In Progress

REF#	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE	UPDATE/STATUS
PRIPHC02 –Rec.09 (para. 73)	<p><i>Conservation and Management: Data collection and sharing</i></p> <p>The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that observer coverage be adjusted to be commensurate with the level of fishing intensity in each IPHC Regulatory Area.</p> <p><u>Commission directive:</u> The Commission RECOMMENDED that the IPHC Secretariat, in consultation with the Commission, develop minimum data collection standards for Pacific halibut by scientific observer programs. The intention would be for the Commission to review and approve the minimum <u>standards, and</u> recommend them for implementation by domestic agencies.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		High	Contracting Parties	2020-24	<p>In progress: The Contracting Parties have yet to engage on this recommendation.</p> <p>See paper: IPHC-2023-AM099-16.</p> <p>At IM099 (Dec. 2023) the Commission provided the following update: (IM099, para. 7) The Commission RECALLED recommendation 09 from the PRIPHC02 (shown below) and NOTED that while there was no current agreement between the Contracting Parties to collectively move this recommendation forward, the Commission would continue discussions to seek common ground.</p> <p>PRIPHC02-Rec.09: “The Commission RECOMMENDED that the IPHC Secretariat, in consultation with the Commission, develop minimum data collection standards for Pacific halibut by scientific observer programs. The intention would be for the Commission to review and approve the minimum <u>standards, and</u> recommend them for implementation by domestic agencies.”</p>

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PRIPHC02 –Rec.11 (para. 83)	The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that ongoing work on the MSE process be prioritised to ensure there is a management framework/procedure with minimal room for ambiguous interpretation, and robust pre-agreed mortality limit setting frameworks.	High	IPHC Secretariat; Commission	2020-21	In progress: Next steps: The Commission to formally adopt a harvest strategy at AM100 or AM101.
PRIPHC02 –Rec.12 (para. 88)	<i>Fishing allocations and opportunities</i> The PRIPHC02 STRONGLY URGED the Commission to conclude its MSE process and RECOMMENDED it meet its 2021 deadline to adopt a harvest strategy.	High	<u>Commission:</u> IPHC Secretariat	2020-21	In progress: See paper IPHC-2024-AM100-11 for the latest update. Next steps: The Commission to formally adopt a harvest strategy.

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PRIPHC02 –Rec.21 (para. 146)	<i>International cooperation: Relationship to non-Contracting Parties</i> The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that the Commission prioritise scientific work to confirm the full range of the Pacific halibut stock.	High	IPHC Secretariat;	2020-24	In progress: There are three non-Contracting Parties who exploit Pacific halibut: Russia, Japan, and Rep. of Korea. Most recently we have engaged Russian scientists working on Pacific halibut through PICES (https://meetings.pices.int/).
PRIPHC02 –Rec.22 (para. 147)	The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that if the full range of the Pacific halibut stock extends outside the Convention Area, the Contracting Parties invite collaboration with all parties involved in the harvest of this stock, to ensure science and management includes accurate data regarding all removals from the stock.	Low/ Medium	IPHC Secretariat	2020-24	In progress: The IPHC Secretariat is engaging with other countries harvesting Pacific halibut via PICES as a first step. Known harvesters are Russia, Japan, and Rep. of Korea, with the latter two harvesting very minor levels at the extremity of Pacific halibut distribution in the western Pacific.

Pending

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PRIPHC02 –Rec.13 (para. 96)	<i>Compliance and enforcement: Port State measures</i> The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that Contracting Party enforcement agencies adopt common standards for assessment of implementation of the principles of port State measures.	Medium	Contracting Parties	2020-24	Pending : To be incorporated into the Contracting Party National Reports at each Annual Meeting. Next National Report will be provided by each Contracting Party for the AM100 .
PRIPHC02 –Rec.14 (para. 105)	<i>Compliance and enforcement: Monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)</i> The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED enhancement of coordination of MCS activities to result in a common, integrated enforcement report for each Contracting Party to facilitate assessment of compliance efforts, trends and input into management decisions.	Medium	Contracting Parties	2021-24	Pending : To be incorporated into the Contracting Party National Reports at each Annual Meeting. Next National Report will be provided by each Contracting Party for the AM100 .

On-Hold

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PRIPHC02 –Rec.01 (para. 32)	<i>Legal analysis of the IPHC Convention</i> The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that consideration be given to updating the Convention at the next opportunity, to become consistent with newer international legal instruments, and specifically consider including the following elements: a) – z)	N/A	N/A	N/A	On-Hold: <u>At this time</u> , the Contracting Parties have indicated that they do not wish to commence the process of updating the IPHC Convention. Thus, this Recommendation is on-hold until a decision is made to reopen it.

Recommendation

- That the Commission **NOTE** paper IPHC-2024-AM100-05 that provides the Commission with an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02).

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