



28 April 2024

IPHC CIRCULAR 2024-011

SUBJECT: FOR DECISION – MSAB MEMBERSHIP (for approval)

Dear Commissioners,

In accordance with the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2024), Rule 11 – Decision Making (paragraphs 4-10) shown below, please find at **Appendix I**, the current MSAB Membership, including vacant board positions.

IPHC Rules of Procedure (2024)

Rule 11 – Decision making - Intersessional decision-making

4. *In case of the need for adoption of an emergency measure between Sessions, or where a decision needs to be taken intersessionally, the Chairperson may propose that a decision be taken by mail, telephone, or electronic communication.*
5. *When a decision is to be taken by electronic means, the Executive Director shall transmit the proposed decision to all Commissioners.*
6. *Commissioners shall promptly acknowledge receipt of any proposed decision by electronic means. If no acknowledgement is received from any particular Commissioner within one week of the date of transmittal, the Executive Director will retransmit the proposed decision, and will use all reasonable means to ensure that it has been received.*
7. *Members shall have **10 days** to respond, unless a longer period is specified by the Executive Director in the transmittal.*
8. *If no reply from a Commissioner reaches the Executive Director within the period established under [Rule 11.7](#), that decision shall be deferred to the next session of the Commission.*
9. *All inter-sessional decisions must be made by consensus.*
10. *The Executive Director shall promptly ascertain and transmit the decision to all Commissioners via an IPHC Circular. The date of that transmittal shall be the ‘date of notification’. Such decisions shall be duly recorded in the Commission's records by the Executive Director. Copies of such decisions shall be published with unique Intersessional Decision (ID) numbering on the IPHC website, via an IPHC Circular.*

Background:

The current MSAB Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure contain the following list of potential members representing various stakeholder groups:

II. Representation

3. *The MSAB will include the following interests (in alphabetical order): harvesters (commercial, sport, and subsistence), fisheries managers, processors, science advisors and*

other experts as required may be represented, and be facilitated by the IPHC Secretariat. Upon request, the IPHC shall cover the travel costs, in accordance with IPHC travel policies, for non-State and non-Federal board members, to attend one (1) MSAB session each year.

- a) Harvesters: Commercial fisheries (6-8, max 4 from each Contracting Party)*
 - b) First Nations/Tribal fisheries (2-4, max 2 from each Contracting Party)*
 - c) Government agencies (incl. domestic management representatives and science advisors to each Contracting Party) (4-8; max of 4 from each Contracting Party)*
 - d) Processors (2-4; max of 2 from each Contracting Party)*
 - e) Recreational/Sport fisheries (2-4; max of 2 from each Contracting Party)*
- 4. Representation may not be distributed throughout IPHC Regulatory Areas, but may be a consideration when determining membership.*

On 8 April 2024, the IPHC Secretariat under direction from the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, made an open call for expressions of interest for new MSAB members, via [IPHC Circular 2024-MR010](#). Expressions of interest were invited for the following eight (8) vacancies, with an EOI deadline of 19 April 2024:

- a) Commercial harvesters: Canada (1), USA (2);
- b) First Nations/Tribal fisheries: Canada (1), USA (1);
- c) Processors: Canada (2);
- d) Recreational/Sport fisheries: Canada (1).

The Secretariat received a total of four (4) EOI's for the vacant positions (above) as follows:

- Commercial harvester EOI's:
 - USA: Kiril Basargin, Linda Behnken, Michelle Conrad
- Recreational/Sport fisheries EOI's:
 - Canadian: Michael Fowler

In addition, we received an additional EOI for a Recreational/Sport fisheries EOI for the USA, though there is no vacant board position available. For this EOI, we recommend keeping the EOI on hand for a future vacancy.

- USA: Brian Ritchie

Intersessional decision required:

Please provide your vote in support of the following:

- 2 x USA Commercial harvester representatives.
- 1 x Canadian Recreational/Sport fisheries representative.

Once your votes have been received, we will announce the newly approved MSAB members for terms of four (4) years.

Yours sincerely



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Appendices:

Appendix I: MSAB Membership, including vacancies (as of 28 April 2024)

APPENDIX I*(as of 28 April 2024)*

MSAB Membership: There are currently 28 seats on the Board, including 8 government seats.

Membership category	Member	Canada	U.S.A.	Current Term commencement	Current Term expiration
Commercial harvesters (6-8)					
1	Sporer, Chris	CDN Commercial		10-April-23	31-Dec-26
2	Hauknes, Robert	CDN Commercial		10-April-23	31-Dec-24
3	Grout, Angus	CDN Commercial		10-April-23	31-Dec-26
4	Vacant	CDN Commercial			Vacant
5	Vacant		USA Commercial		Vacant
6	Odegaard, Per		USA Commercial	10-April-23	31-Dec-24
7	Vacant		USA Commercial		Vacant
8	Johnson, James		USA Commercial	17-Apr-23	31-Dec-24
First Nations/ Tribal fisheries (2-4)					
1	Lane, Jim	CDN First Nations		10-April-23	31-Dec-26
2	Vacant	CDN First Nations			Vacant
3	Mazzone, Scott		USA Treaty Tribes	9-May-23	31-Dec-24
4	Vacant		USA Treaty Tribes		Vacant
Membership category	Member	Canada	U.S.A.	Current Term commencement	Current Term expiration
Government Agencies (4-8)					
1	Mason, Gwyn	DFO		16-April-24	15-April-28

2	Huang, Ann-Marie	CDN Science Advisor		10-April-23	31-Dec-24
3	Vacant	DFO			Vacant
4	Iverson, Kurt		NOAA-Fisheries		31-Dec-26
5	Hulson, Pete		USA Science Advisor	13-Jul-22	31-Dec-24
6	Hall, Heather		PFMC	17-May-22	31-Dec-26
7	Bush, Karla		NPFMC	25-Oct-21	31-Dec-24
8	Vacant		ADFG		Vacant
Processors (2-4)					
1	Vacant	CDN Processing			Vacant
2	Vacant	CDN Processing			Vacant
3	Parker, Peggy		USA Processing	9-May-23	31-Dec-24
4	Drobnica, Angel		USA Processing	17-Apr-23	31-Dec-26
Recreational/ Sport fisheries (2-4)					
1	Ashcroft, Chuck	CDN Sportfishing		17-Apr-23	31-Dec-24
2	Vacant	CDN Sportfishing			Vacant
3	Marking, Tom		USA Sportfishing (CA)	9-May-23	31-Dec-26
4	Braden, Forrest		USA sportfishing (AK)	17-Apr-23	31-Dec-24