



OUTCOMES OF THE 100TH SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM100)

PREPARED BY: IPHC SECRETARIAT (20 AUGUST 2024)

PURPOSE

To provide the SRB with the outcomes of the 100th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100), relevant to the mandate of the SRB.

BACKGROUND

The agenda of the Commission's Annual Meeting (AM100) included several agenda items relevant to the SRB:

3. IPHC PROCESS

- 3.1 Update on actions arising from the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099), 2023 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 99th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM099) (D. Wilson)
- 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2023) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)
- 3.3 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02): Implementation of recommendations (D. Wilson)
- 3.4 Report of the 18th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB018) (Co-Chairpersons)
- 3.5 Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB Chairperson)
- 3.6 Report of the 24th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB024) (RAB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)
- 3.7 International Pacific Halibut Commission 5-year program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-26) (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)

4. FISHERY MONITORING

- 4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2023) (B. Hutniczak)
- 4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2023)
 - 4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2023 (K. Ualesi)

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2023)

- 5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)
- 5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2023)

6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

- 6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2024

- 7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2024-2026 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2024-2028

- 8.1 2024-28 FISS design evaluation (R. Webster)

9. BIOLOGICAL AND ECOSYSTEM SCIENCES – PROJECT UPDATES

- 9.1 Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities (J. Planas)

DISCUSSION

During the course of the 100th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) 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 SRB's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SRB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2024-SRB025-04 which details the outcomes of the 100th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100), relevant to the mandate of the SRB.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Excerpts from the 100th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) Report ([IPHC-2024-AM100-R](#)).

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([IPHC-2024-AM100-R](#))****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nil

REQUESTS***Statement on Climate Change***

AM100–Req.01 ([para. 8](#)) The Commission **ADOPTED** the Statement on Climate change and **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat publish the statement on the website. The Secretariat will provide annual updates to the Commission on how the Statement is being implemented.

OTHER***6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update***

(para. 53) The Commission **AGREED** to undertake intersessional discussions on the recommendations contained within paper [IPHC-2024-AM100-11](#), and provide further direction to the IPHC Secretariat.

8.1 2024-28 FISS design evaluation

(para. 70) The Commission **ENDORSED** the base 2024 FISS design that includes options 1-3 in [Table 4](#) to provide data for basic trend estimation and biological data for use in the 2024 stock assessment. Specifically, this design includes two charter regions in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B, three charter regions in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C, two charter regions in IPHC Regulatory Area 3A, and one charter region in IPHC Regulatory Area 3B.

(para. 71) The Commission **AGREED** to meet in mid-February 2024 to review the tender bids received for IPHC Regulatory Area 4, and determine whether Options 4 or 9 ([Table 4](#)), or both, should proceed in 2024 ([Fig. 6](#)).

(para. 73) The Commission **AGREED** to the goal of maintaining sufficient FISS sampling to ensure a maximum annual CV of 25% in each IPHC Regulatory Area, decreasing to 15% as financial considerations allow, and including FISS biological sampling in all Biological Regions (but not necessarily all Regulatory Areas) each year.

(para. 79) The Commission **AGREED** that supplementary funding is needed to sustain the FISS moving forward and to explore options for funding, e.g. from Contracting Parties or external partners.