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## Outcomes of the 100<sup>th</sup> Session Of The IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) and 2024 Intersessional Decisions

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### PURPOSE

To provide the MSAB with the outcomes of the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) and 2024 intersessional decisions relevant to the mandate of the MSAB.

### BACKGROUND

The agenda of the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) included items relevant to the MSAB.

### DISCUSSION

During the course of the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) the Commission made one agreement regarding the MSE process. Subsequently, five intersessional decisions (ID003-007) were made on 11 June 2024 that were also relevant to the MSAB ([IPHC-CIRCULAR-2024-015](#)). Relevant sections from the report of AM100 and 2024-ID003–ID007 are provided in [Appendix A](#) for the MSAB's consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the MSAB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2024-MSAB020-05 which details the outcomes of the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) and 2024 intersessional decisions relevant to the mandate of the MSAB.

### APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Excerpts from the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) Report ([IPHC-2024-AM100-R](#)) and 2024 intersessional decisions 2024-ID003–ID007 ([IPHC-CR-2024-015](#)).

**APPENDIX A**  
**Excerpt from the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100) Report**  
**([IPHC-2024-AM100-R](#)) and 2024 intersessional decisions 2024-ID003–ID007**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Nil*

**REQUESTS**

*Nil*

**AGREEMENTS**

**IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update**

AM100 (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.

**INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS**

**IPHC-2024-ID003:** The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) the Secretariat work with the MSAB and SRB to explore a potential new coastwide objective that uses spawning biomass and/or fishery catch-rates to indicate the status of the resource, potentially replacing the current B<sub>36%</sub> objective;
- b) an ad-hoc working group of the MSAB, to be selected by each Contracting Party, meet in July or August 2024 for this purpose (ref a);
- c) the MSAB020 be held virtually in October 2024.

**IPHC-2024-ID004:** The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat evaluate the following management procedures (MPs) in 2024:

- a) Multi-year management procedures along with fishing intensity and multiple empirical rules for non-assessment years;
- b) additional management procedures, such as constraints on the interannual change in the TCEY.

**IPHC-2024-ID005:** The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat work with the SRB to:

- a) define exceptional circumstances (events) using information such as FISS observations, biological observations, and new research;
- b) recommend the actions to take when an exceptional circumstance occurs;
- c) incorporate these elements into the draft harvest strategy policy.

**IPHC-2024-ID006:** The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat draft a revised harvest strategy policy document that will be reviewed at the IPHC Work Meeting in September 2024 (WM2024):

- a) incorporating the outcomes of ID003, ID004 and ID005 for Commission review;
- b) clearly identifying the distribution of the TCEY as a component of the decision-making process and not an output of the management procedure.

**IPHC-2024-ID007: NOTING** that the investigation of FISS design scenarios:

- a) is an additional activity of the MSE work;
- b) is independent of the harvest strategy policy development;
- c) will extend into 2025;
- d) will be useful to inform the Commission on management outcomes if implementing reduced FISS designs in the future.

the Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the Secretariat evaluate FISS design scenarios using the MSE framework, as recommended by the SRB.