



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

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PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

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

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)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-03** *Update on actions arising from the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099), 2022 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 99th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM099) (D. Wilson)*
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-INF02** *International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) statement on climate change (IPHC)*
- 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2023) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-04** *Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2023) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)*
- 3.3 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02): Implementation of recommendations (D. Wilson)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-05** *Implementation of the Recommendations from the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02) (D. Wilson)*
- 3.4 Report of the 18th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB018) (Co-Chairpersons)
 - **IPHC-2023-MSAB018-R** *Report of the 18th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB018)*
- 3.5 Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB Chairperson)
 - **IPHC-2023-SRB022-R** *Report of the 22nd Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB022)*
 - **IPHC-2023-SRB023-R** *Report of the 23rd Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB023)*
- 3.6 Report of the 24th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB024) (RAB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)
 - **IPHC-2023-RAB024-R** *Report of the 24th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB024)*
- 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)

- **IPHC-2024-AM100-06** *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)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-07 Rev_1** *Fisheries data overview (2023) (B. Hutniczak, H. Tran, T. Kong, K. Sawyer van Vleck, & K. Magrane)*
- 4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2023)
 - 4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2023 (K. Ualesi)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-08 Rev_1** *IPHC Fishery-independent setline survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2023 (K. Ualesi, R. Rillera, T. Jack, & K. Coll)*

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2023)

- 5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-09** *Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)*
- 5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2023)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-10** *Data overview and stock assessment for Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) at the end of 2023 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster, D. Wilson)*

6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

- 6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-11** *IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation and Harvest Strategy Policy updates (A. Hicks, I. Stewart, & D. Wilson)*

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2024

- 7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2024-2026 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-12** *Stock projections and harvest decision table for 2024-2026 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)*

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2024-2028

- 8.1 2024-28 FISS design evaluation (R. Webster)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-13** *2024, and 2025-28 FISS Design evaluation (R. Webster, I. Stewart, K. Ualesi, & D. Wilson)*

9. BIOLOGICAL AND ECOSYSTEM SCIENCES – PROJECT UPDATES

- 9.1 Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities (J. Planas)
 - **IPHC-2024-AM100-14** *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 RAB's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the RAB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2024-RAB025-04 which details the outcomes of the 100th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM100), relevant to the mandate of the RAB.

APPENDICES

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

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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

2024-28 ISS design evaluation

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.