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IPHC CIRCULAR 2025-017

**SUBJECT: FOR INFORMATION – INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS 2025-ID005-ID006 –
FECUNDITY RESEARCH: Part II (2025 and 2026)**

Dear Commissioners,

In accordance with Rule 11, paragraphs 4-10 ‘*Intersessional decision-making*’ of the [IPHC Rules of Procedure \(2024\)](#), I am pleased to provide you with the following intersessional Commission decisions **for information**.

The decisions were **adopted** by consensus (*In favour=6; Against=0; No response=0*). No further action is required by the Commission at this time.

BACKGROUND

[IPHC-2025-CR-016](#): For Decision – Fecundity Research: Part II (2025 and 2026).

DECISIONS

IPHC-2025-ID005: The Commission **NOTED** that the Pilot Study (Part I: IPHC-2024-BN05) was successfully conducted in the fall of 2024 (FY2025) to assess the viability (sampling and fiscal) of the fecundity study in 2025 and 2026 (ref. Objective 1). The Pilot Study sampled female Pacific halibut at 50 stations (Table 1 of Appendix I) in Biological Region 2.

IPHC-2025-ID006: The Commission **ENDORSED** the implementation of Objectives 2 and 3 (Part II) ([IPHC-2025-CR-016](#)):

- a) Objective 2 will be conducted in the late summer/Fall of 2025 (FY2025). This study will sample female Pacific halibut at 50 stations in Biological Region 2 (IPHC Regulatory Area 2B);
- b) Objective 3 will be conducted in late summer/Fall of 2026 (FY2026). This study will investigate potential regional differences in fecundity by estimating fecundity in female Pacific halibut collected in different Biological Regions within the same year of collection.

Please consider the date of this IPHC Circular to be the official ‘*date of notification*’ of the decisions detailed above, in accordance with Rule 11, paragraph 10 of the [IPHC Rules of Procedure \(2024\)](#).

Yours sincerely

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Appendices: Nil