

IPHC-2025-IM101-12

Stock projections and the harvest decision table for 2026-2028

This document is a placeholder: a Rev 1 will be published prior to IM101

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Purpose

To provide the Commission with short-term (3 year) stock projections and the harvest decision table for 2026.

METHODS

Short term tactical stock projections under varying levels of mortality are conducted using the 2025 stock assessment (IPHC-2025-IM101-10).

RESULTS

Results will include a range of projected 2026-2028 mortality levels: no fishing mortality, the estimated 3-year surplus (mortality at which there is a 50% chance that the spawning biomass will be smaller in 3-years than at the end of 2025), the *status quo* (2025 coastwide mortality limit), the mortality consistent with the current reference Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR; $F_{43\%}$) and a grid of larger and smaller values to facilitate decision-making.

The harvest decision table for 2026 will provide a comparison of the relative short-term risks of stock and fishery metrics against the range of alternative harvest levels for 2026-2028.

TIMELINE FOR REVISION

The complete document (IPHC-2025-IM101-12 Rev_1) is anticipated to be available no later than **24 November 2025**.

An updated document for AM102 will include revisions based on end-of-year non-directed discard mortality estimates that affect the scale and distribution of projected 2026 mortality. This information will be available in early January.

Detailed stock assessment (IPHC-2026-SA-01) and data overview (IPHC-2026-SA-02) documents will be published directly to the <u>stock assessment page</u> on the IPHC's website.