



**PRELIMINARY: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 102nd SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM102)**

Date: 19-22 January 2026

Location: Bellevue, WA, USA

Venue: [Hyatt Regency](#)

Time (PST): 09:00-17:00 daily

Chairperson: Mr Jon Kurland (USA)

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Mark Waddell (Canada)

Document deadline: 20 December 2025 (30 days prior to the opening of the Session)

AGENDA FOR THE 102nd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102)

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
(Chairperson & Executive Director)
- 3. IPHC PROCESS**
 - 3.1 Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101) (D. Wilson)
 - 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)
 - 3.3 Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB Co-Chairpersons)
 - 3.4 Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB Chairperson)
 - 3.5 Report of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB) (RAB Chairperson)
 - 3.6 International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)
 - 3.7 Report of the 102nd Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC102) (D. Wilson)
- 4. FISHERY MONITORING**
 - 4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2025)
 - 4.1.1 Port operations (M. Thom)
 - 4.1.2 Fisheries data (B. Hutniczak)
 - 4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2025)
 - 4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2024 (K. Ualesi)
- 5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2025)**
 - 5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)
 - 5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2025)

6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation & Harvest Strategy Policy (A. Hicks)

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2026

7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2026-2028 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2026-2030

8.1 2026-30 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)

10. IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: PROPOSALS FOR THE 2025-26 PROCESS

10.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals (B. Hutniczak)

10.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals (Contracting Parties)

10.3 Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals (Stakeholders)

10.4 Stakeholder statements (B. Hutniczak)

11. CONTRACTING PARTY NATIONAL REPORTS

11.1 Canada

11.2 United States of America

12. REPORT OF THE 96th SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB096)
(CB Co-Chairpersons)**13. REPORT OF THE 31st SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY BOARD (PAB031)** (PAB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2026-28) (D. Wilson)

14.2 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next year (D. Wilson)

15. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 102nd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102) (Chairperson)



SCHEDULE FOR THE 102nd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102)

Monday, 19 January 2026		
Time (PST)	Agenda item	Lead (support)
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09:00-09:10	1. Opening of the Session • Welcome • Land acknowledgement 2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session	Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
09:10-09:20	3. IPHC Process 3.1 Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101) 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025)	D. Wilson
09:20-09:35	3.3 Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB Co-Chairpersons)	MSAB Co-Chairpersons
09:35-10:00	3.4 Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB)	SRB Chairperson
10:00-10:10	3.5 Report of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB)	RAB Chairperson
10:10-10:30	3.6 International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan	D. Wilson
10:30-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:20	3.7 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	D. Wilson
11:20-11:50	4. Fishery Monitoring 4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2025) 4.1.1 Port Operations 4.1.2 Fisheries data	M. Thom B. Hutniczak

11:50-12:10	4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2025) 4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025 (K. Ualesi)	K. Ualesi
12:10-12:45	5. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2025) 5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)	R. Webster
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-14:45	5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2024)	I. Stewart
14:45-15:15	6. Management strategy evaluation 6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation & Harvest Strategy Policy (A. Hicks)	A. Hicks
15:15-15:30	7. Harvest decision table 2026	I. Stewart
15:30-15:50	Break	
15:50-16:10	8. FISS design evaluations 2026-2030 8.1 2025-29 FISS design evaluation (R. Webster)	R. Webster
16:10-16:40	9. Biological and ecosystem sciences – Project updates 9.1 Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities (J. Planas)	J. Planas
16:40-17:00	10. IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2024-25 process 10.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals 10.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals 10.3 Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals 10.4 Stakeholder statements	B. Hutniczak USA: NOAA-Fisheries Canada: DFO Stakeholders B. Hutniczak
17:00-17:30	<i>Public comment and questions</i>	J. Kurland
19:00-21:30	102nd IPHC RECEPTION	Executive Director
Tuesday, 20 January 2026		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
09:00-09:30	11. Contracting Party: National Reports 11.1 Canada	Canada

09:30-10:00	11.2 United States of America	USA
10:00-10:30	<i>Public comment and questions</i>	J. Kurland
10:30-10:50	Break	
10:50-17:00	No AM102 Session: Opportunity for delegations to caucus	-
17:00-18:30	IPHC 2026 FISS Q&A – RFT process and specifications – Crystal Pavilion & AM101 Adobe Connect meeting link	K. Ualesi
17:00-18:30	Poster Session: Research and Monitoring – Registration area / Foyer	J. Planas
Wednesday, 21 January 2026		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
09:00-14:45	No AM102 Session: Opportunity for delegations to caucus	-
14:45-15:30	Break	
15:30-16:15	12. Report of the 96 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB096)	CB Co-Chairpersons
16:15-17:00	13. Report of the 30 th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB030)	PAB Chairperson
Thursday, 22 January 2026		
09:00-10:30	Revisit regulatory proposals for final actions	B. Hutniczak
10:30-11:00	Break	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Decision summary from AM102 – Final actions ➤ Mortality limits for 2026: For decision/announcement (Agenda Item 10)	J. Kurland (D. Wilson)
14:30-14:45	14. Other business	

	14.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2026-28) 14.2 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next year	D. Wilson
14:45-15:30	Break	
15:30-17:00	Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 102 nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102)	J. Kurland (D. Wilson)
Friday, 23 January 2026		
09:00-12:30	Available if needed	-