



IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2025-26 process

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an overview of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted or indicated their intent to submit for consideration by the Commission in the 2025-26 process.

BACKGROUND

Recalling the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals submission and review process instituted in 2017, this paper is intended to provide an indication of the fishery regulations proposals being submitted to the Commission in the 2025-26 process.

Fishery regulation proposals from the Contracting Parties and other stakeholders are typically received later in the process.

Note DEADLINES: The dates for submission of draft proposals for consideration by the Commission in the 2025-26 process are as follows:

- 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101) is 2 November 2025;
- 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102) is 20 December 2025.

DISCUSSION

A list of preliminary titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals expected to be submitted as part of the 2025-26 process is provided in [Appendix I](#).

Note on Section 27 – Recreational (Sport) Fishing - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B

The IPHC Secretariat notes that Section 27(1)(c) of the IPHC Fishery Regulations includes a provision allowing the daily bag limit to increase from two to three Pacific halibut per person on or after 1 August in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B. This provision is currently set to remain in effect through 2025, unless extended by a vote of the Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-15 Rev_1, which provides the Commission with an overview of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted or indicated their intent to submit for consideration by the Commission in the 2025-26 process.

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): Preliminary titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals expected to be submitted for consideration in the 2025-26 process.

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Ref. No.	Title	Brief description
<u>IPHC Secretariat</u>		
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropA1 [draft provided]	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)	To provide clear documentation of mortality and fishery limits within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5). <i>Mortality and fishery limits tables will be filled when the Commission adopts TCEYs for the individual IPHC Regulatory Areas.</i>
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropA2 [draft provided]	Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)	To specify fishing periods for the directed commercial Pacific halibut fisheries within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9).
<u>Contracting Parties</u>		
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB1 [expected]	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28): Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A	<u>Proponent: USA (NOAA Fisheries)</u> To propose charter management measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A reflective of mortality limits adopted by the IPHC and resulting allocations under the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan.
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropB2	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B	<u>Proponent: Canada (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)</u> To propose the daily bag limit of up to three fish per day per person in the recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B beginning on or after 1 August of each year.
<u>Stakeholders</u>		
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