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ACRONYMS

AM	Annual Meeting
CB	Conference Board
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Ocean (Canada)
FISS	Fishery-Independent Setline Survey
HSP	Harvest Strategy Policy
IM	Interim Meeting
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission
MSAB	Management Strategy Advisory Board
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)
O32	Over 32 inches (fish)
RAB	Research Advisory Board
SB	Spawning Biomass
SRB	Scientific Review Board
TCEY	Total Constant Exploitation Yield
U32	Under 32 inches (fish)
WPUE	Weight Per Unit Effort

DEFINITIONS

A set of working definitions are provided in the IPHC Glossary of Terms and abbreviations: https://www.iphc.int/the-commission/glossary-of-terms-and-abbreviations

HOW TO INTERPRET TERMINOLOGY CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT

This report has been written using the following terms and associated definitions so as to remove ambiguity surrounding how particular paragraphs should be interpreted.

Level 1: **RECOMMENDED**; **RECOMMENDATION**; **ADOPTED** (formal); **REQUESTED**; **ENDORSED**; **ACCEPTED** (informal): A conclusion for an action to be undertaken, by a Contracting Party, a subsidiary (advisory) body of the Commission and/or the IPHC Secretariat.

Level 2: **AGREED**: Any point of discussion from a meeting which the Commission considers to be an agreed course of action covered by its mandate, which has not already been dealt with under Level 1 above; a general point of agreement among delegations/participants of a meeting which does not need to be elevated in the Commission's reporting structure.

Level 3: **NOTED/NOTING**; **CONSIDERED**; **URGED**; **ACKNOWLEDGED**: General terms to be used for consistency. Any point of discussion from a meeting which the Commission considers to be important enough to record in a meeting report for future reference. Any other term may be used to highlight to the reader of an IPHC report, the importance of the relevant paragraph. Other terms may be used but will be considered for explanatory/informational purposes only and shall have no higher rating within the reporting terminology hierarchy than Level 3.

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The following are a subset of the complete recommendations and requests for action from the IM101, which are provided at Appendix V.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil.

REQUESTS

Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, and intersessional decisions

IM101-Req.01 (para. 5) The Commission **REQUESTED** that paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF02 be expanded to include the following elements, to the extent possible, for consideration at AM102 in January 2026:

a) An analysis of measures that would ensure no expansion of Pacific halibut effort;

b) An analysis of the extent to which high prices and winter price premium incentives might create an incentive to maximize winter Pacific halibut landings;

c) An analysis of whether approval of this proposal may lead other commercial fishery sectors in Canada or the U.S.A. to seek approval to retain Pacific halibut bycatch (e.g. the Amendment 80 fleet).

IPHC Rules of Procedure

IM101-Req.02 (para. 12) The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2025), as provided in IPHC-2025-IM101-16, by consensus, and **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.

IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy

IM101-Req.03 (para. 26) The Commission **REQUESTED** the following be added to the 2026 MSE program of work to be considered in the next HSP update:

a) Investigation of potential changes to the reference SPR (F43%) with the updated MSE framework;

b) Further development of the Depleted concept, including a threshold and management action when approaching the threshold;

c) A description of the interactions between overfished, depleted, and overfishing and further understanding how each fits within the management framework;

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f) Development of guidance documents (e.g. rebuilding plan);

g) Expansion of the definition of Net Economic Returns (NER) to include opportunities (e.g. Community-based Fisheries, recreational fisheries etc.), cultural aspects (e.g. Food, Social and Ceremonial fisheries), and other concepts that are important to Pacific halibut users.

IPHC Fishery regulations: Proposals for the 2025-26 process

IM101-Req.04 (para. 40) The Commission **REQUESTED** that interested stakeholders note the deadline for submission of IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals, for consideration at the 102nd Session of the Annual Meeting (AM102), of **20 December 2025**. Late proposals will not be considered at AM102, but stakeholders may also submit statements up until the day before the AM102. More information is available via the updated IPHC website: https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/.

Other key decisions

IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy

(para. 25) The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy (IPHC-2025-HSP), in principle with agreement for the Commission and the Secretariat to finalize language in a few places, noting that results from the 2026 MSE program of work may be used to update the HSP before the next scheduled triennial update.

2026 FISS design

(para. 33) The Commission **ADOPTED** the Supplemented Reduced Loss design (Option 2) for the 2026 FISS as provided in Appendix IV, **NOTING** that other charter regions may be added before the end of January 2026.

The full recording of the IM101 is available at the following link: IPHC-2025-IM101-Audio recording

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The 101st Session of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Interim Meeting (IM101) was held electronically on 2 December 2025. A total of 6 members (Commissioners) and 13 credentialed advisors/experts attended the Session from the two (2) Contracting Parties, as well as 52 observers. The list of participants is provided at Appendix I. The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Mr Jon Kurland (USA), who welcomed participants.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

2. The Commission **ADOPTED** the Agenda as provided at Appendix II. The documents provided to the IM101 are listed in Appendix III.

3. IPHC PROCESS

3.1 Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, and intersessional decisions

3. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-03 that provided an opportunity to consider the progress made during the intersessional period in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101, January 2025), 2025 Special Sessions, and intersessional decisions.

4. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF02 that provided an analysis detailing the biological, logistical and socioeconomic effects of year-round fishing in Canada, including challenges related to data compilation and marketing implications, focused on evaluating the feasibility and implications of allowing the retention of small quantities of incidentally encountered Pacific halibut that would otherwise be discarded during the winter closed period in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B.

5. The Commission **REQUESTED** that paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF02 be expanded to include the following elements, to the extent possible, for consideration at AM102 in January 2026:

   a) An analysis of measures that would ensure no expansion of Pacific halibut effort;

   b) An analysis of the extent to which high prices and winter price premium incentives might create an incentive to maximize winter Pacific halibut landings;

   c) An analysis of whether approval of this proposal may lead other commercial fishery sectors in Canada or the U.S.A. to seek approval to retain Pacific halibut bycatch (e.g. the Amendment 80 fleet).

6. The Commission **AGREED** to consider and revise as necessary, the actions arising, and for these to be combined with any new actions arising from the IM101.

3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025): Draft

7. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-04 that provided the Commission with a draft update on the activities of the IPHC Secretariat in 2025, not already contained within other papers before the Commission.

3.3 Reports of IPHC subsidiary bodies

8. The Commission **NOTED** the reports of each IPHC subsidiary body held in 2025:

   a) Scientific Review Board (SRB): IPHC-2025-SRB026-R and IPHC-2025-SRB027-R;

   b) Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB): IPHC-2025-MSAB021-R;

   c) Research Advisory Board (RAB): IPHC-2025-RAB026-R.

9. The Commission **NOTED** the RAB recommendation (RAB026-Rec.02 (para. 33a)), regarding "*alleged illegal retention and landing of Pacific halibut by non-target sectors for processing into fishmeal (e.g. the Kodiak trawl fleet)*" and that this appears to refer to a recent Alaska Wildlife Troopers investigation involving vessels in the Trawl Electronic Monitoring program where 100% of the catch is observed and fully accounted for, and the data for any caught Pacific halibut are already reported to IPHC.

3.4 International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan

10. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-05 that provided the Commission with an update on the development of the next Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan.

3.5 IPHC Rules of Procedure: Amendments

11. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-16 that provided the Commission with proposed amendments to two (2) sections of the IPHC Rules of Procedure:

    a) ***Rule 13*** would be amended by removing reference to an Assistant Director in the Rule title, and sub-para. 2, noting that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson terminated the role in late 2024.

    b) ***Rule 14*** would be amended by streamlining the CB Rules of Procedure administrative processes and improving clarity in documentation and reporting. These updates reflect input from CB co-chairs, CB members, and the Secretariat to enhance efficiency during CB meetings and report preparation.

12. The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2025), as provided in IPHC-2025-IM101-16, by consensus, and **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.

4. FISHERY MONITORING

4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2025)

4.1.1 Port Operations

13. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-06 that provided the design and implementation of the IPHC fishery-dependent data collection activities in 2025 – Port Operations.

4.1.2 Fisheries Data

14. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-07 that provided a preliminary overview of the 2025 Pacific halibut removals, including the status of mortality reported against fishery limits adopted by the Commission and outlined in the IPHC Fishery Regulations (2025).

15. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF03 that summarises the information available on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for determining the age of fish from images of collected otoliths and provides an update on the exploratory work of implementing an AI-based age determination model for Pacific halibut.

4.2 Fishery-independent data overview

4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025

16. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-08 that provided an overview of the IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025.

17. The Commission **RECALLED** that the annual IPHC FISS of the Pacific halibut stock consists of a standard grid in all IPHC Regulatory Areas, and totals 1,890 stations (the full FISS design) (Fig. 1), within the prescribed depth range of 18 to 732 metres (10 to 400 fathoms).

18. The Commission **RECALLED** that through an intersessional decision-making process, the Commission endorsed a final 2025 FISS design (IPHC-2024-CR-030, IPHC-2024-CR-031) (Fig. 2).

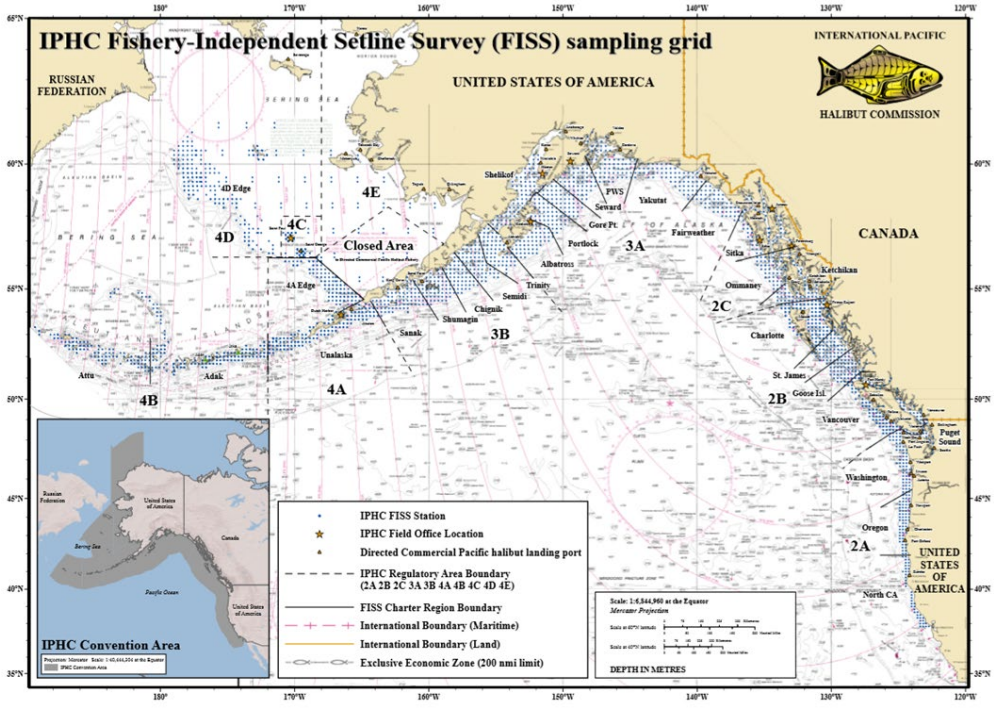

Figure 1. IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) with full sampling grid shown.

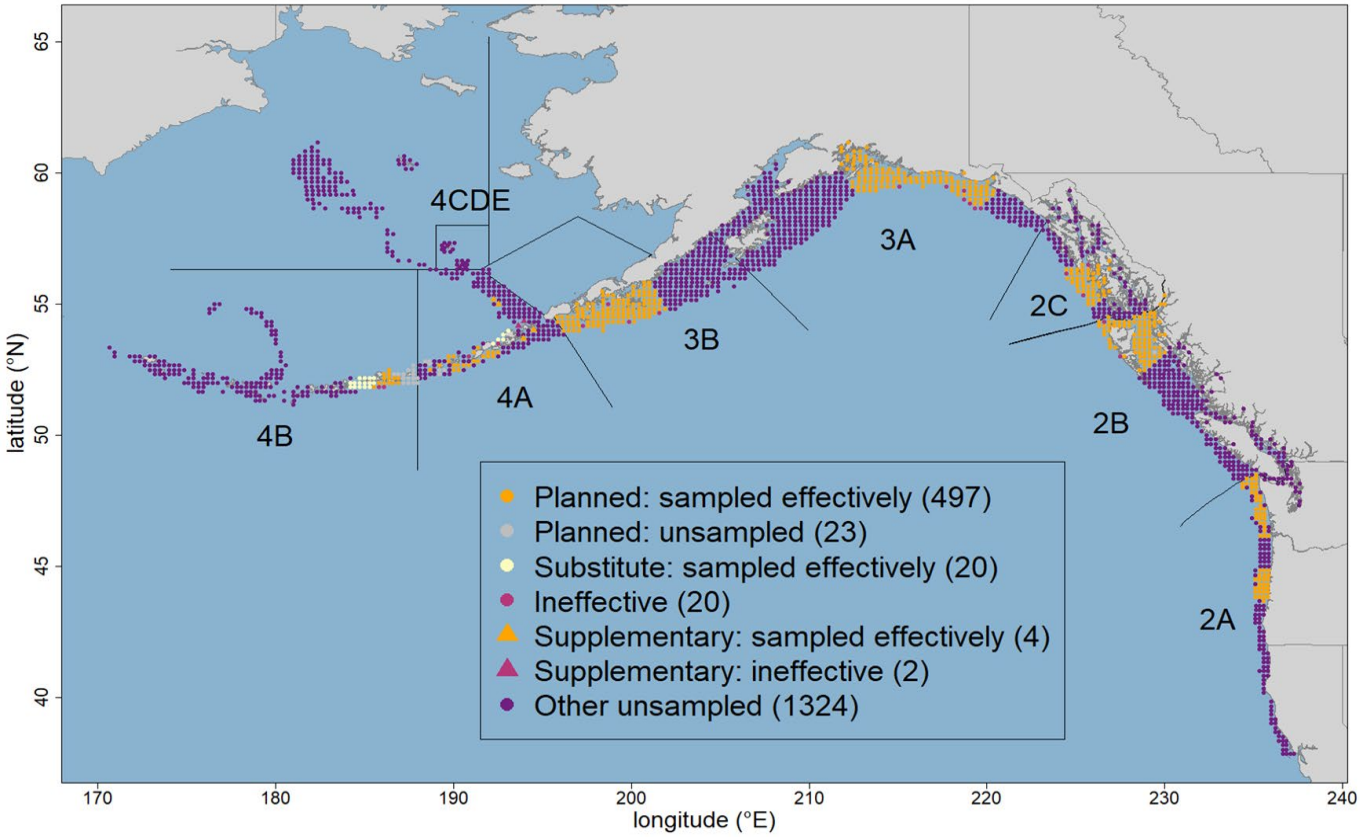

Figure 2. Map of the 2025 FISS design approved by the Commission on 8 November 2024 and implemented in 2025. Ineffective and planned unsampled stations are identified, while purple circles were not to be sampled in 2025. Supplementary sites refer to stations fished as part of the catch protection study.

19. The Commission **NOTED** that the interactive views of the 2025 FISS results (including all prior years) were made publicly available via the IPHC website on 31 October 2025: https://www.iphc.int/data/fiss-catch-per-unit-effort/.

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2025)

5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data

20. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-09 Rev_1 that provided the results of the space-time modelling of Pacific halibut survey data for the period 1993-2025.

21. The Commission **NOTED** Fig. 3 that shows the time series estimates of O32 WPUE (most comparable to fishery catch-rates) over the 1993-2025 period included in the 2025 space-time modelling. Coastwide, we estimate a stable index, with 0% estimated change since 2024. The index increased in IPHC Biological Regions 3 and 4 but declined in Region 2. Coastwide indices of all sizes WPUE and all sizes NPUE were also estimated to be relatively stable, with changes of −2% since 2024. Declines in IPHC Biological Region 2 were largely offset by increases elsewhere.

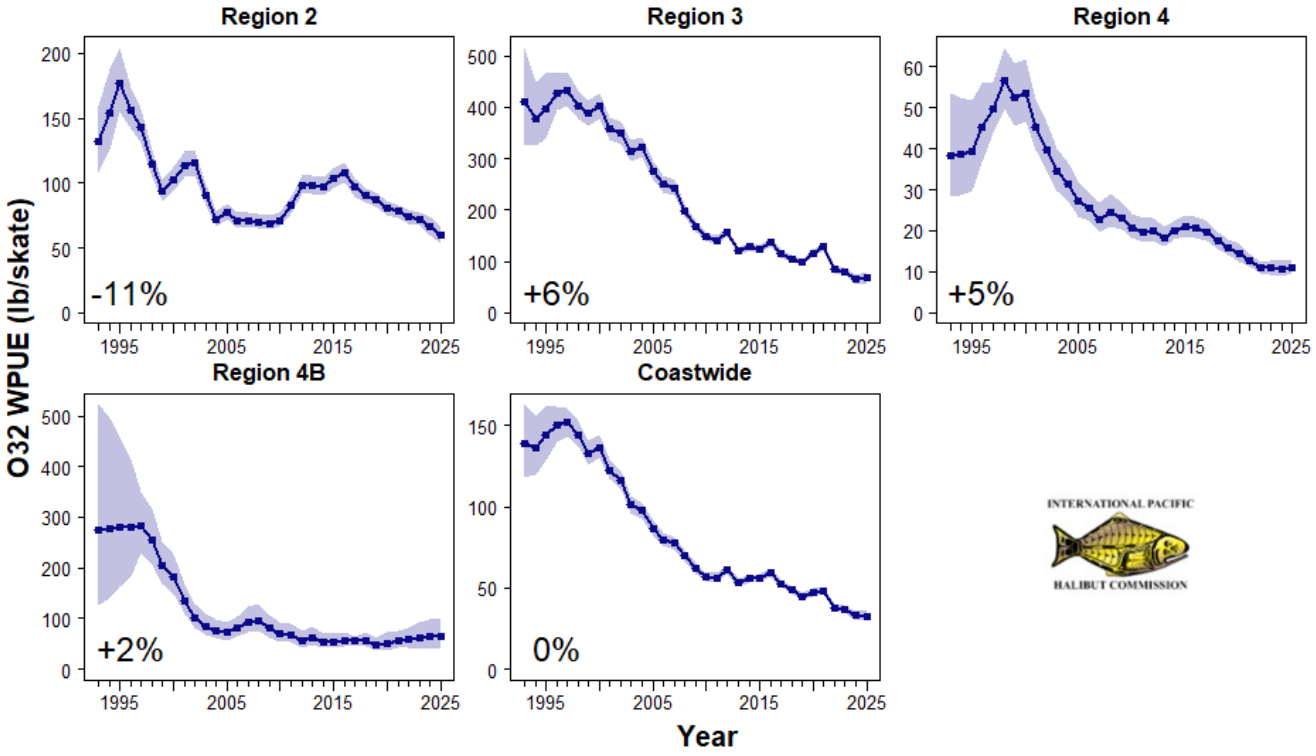

Figure 3. Space-time model output for O32 WPUE for 1993-2025 for Biological Regions. Filled circles denote the posterior means of O32 WPUE for each year. Shaded regions show posterior 95% credible intervals, which provide a measure of uncertainty: the wider the shaded interval, the greater the uncertainty in the estimate. Numeric values in the lower left-hand corners are estimates of the change in mean O32 WPUE from 2024 to 2025.

5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2025)

22. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-10 Rev_1 that provided an opportunity to consider the results of the 2025 IPHC stock assessment for Pacific halibut within the Convention Area, including a summary of data sources used.

23. The Commission **NOTED** the following scientific advice from the IPHC Secretariat (Table 1, Fig. 4):

a) Sources of mortality: In 2025, total Pacific halibut mortality due to fishing decreased to 28.80 million pounds (13,063 t), below the 5-year average of 34.58 million pounds (15,687 t), largely due to a 16% TCEY reduction from 2024 to 2025. Of that total mortality, 81% was retained and utilized across all fishery sectors (Table 2 [of paper IPHC-2025-IM101-10 Rev_1]*); this is lower than the percent utilized in 2021 to 2024 which ranged from 83% to 87%.*

b) Fishing intensity: The 2025 fishing mortality corresponded to a point estimate of SPR = 52%; there is a 19% chance that fishing intensity exceeded the IPHC's current reference level of F43% (Table 2 [of paper IPHC-2025-IM101-10 Rev_1]*). The Commission does not currently have a coastwide fishing intensity limit reference point, but the draft Harvest Strategy Policy includes*

an overfishing limit equal to the MSY-proxy of SPR=35%. There is a <1% chance that the 2025 fishing intensity exceeded F35%.

c) *Stock status (spawning biomass): Current (beginning of 2026) female spawning biomass is estimated to be 166 million pounds (73,300 t), which corresponds to a 28% chance of being below the IPHC trigger reference point of SB30%, and a <1% chance of being below the IPHC limit reference point of SB20%. The stock is estimated to have declined 34% from 2016 to 2024, then increased by 8% to the beginning of 2026. The relative spawning biomass (compared to the biomass projected to be present at the beginning of 2025 in the absence of any fishing) is currently estimated to be 38%, after reaching the lowest point in the recent time series (30%) in 2011. Therefore, the stock is considered to be 'not overfished'.*

d) *Stock distribution: After increases in 2020-2021, the proportion of the coastwide stock represented by Biological Region 3 has increased in 2025 but remains near the lowest observed in the time-series, (Figure 6, Table 1* [of paper IPHC-2025-IM101-10 Rev_1]*). This trend occurs in tandem with a decrease in Biological Region 2. The proportion of the stock in both Biological Regions 4 and 4B has been increasing; however, little FISS sampling in Biological Region 4B in 2023-25 has resulted in increased uncertainty in both the trend and scale of the stock distribution in this Region.*

e) *Additional risks not included in this analysis: Directed commercial fishery catch rates coastwide, and in nearly all IPHC Regulatory Areas were at or near the lowest observed in the last 40 years. The absolute level of spawning biomass is also estimated to be near the lowest observed since the 1970s. The directed commercial fishery transitioned from the 2005 year-class to the 2012 year-class in 2022, and to the 2016 year-class in 2025. This shift from older to younger (and smaller fish) has contributed to observed reduced catch rates. The current spawning stock is heavily reliant on the 2012, 2016 and 2017 year-classes. Environmental conditions continue to be unpredictable, with important deviations from historical patterns in both oceanographic and biological processes observed across the stock range in the last decade.*

Table 1. Status summary of the Pacific halibut stock and fishery in the IPHC Convention Area at the beginning of 2026.

Indicators	Values	Trends	Status
BIOLOGICAL			
SPR_{2025}: P(SPR<43%): P(SPR<limit):	52% (38-70%)[2] 19% LIMIT NOT SPECIFIED	FISHING INTENSITY REDUCED FROM 2024 TO 2025	**FISHING INTENSITY BELOW REFERENCE LEVEL**[3]
SB_{2026} (MLBS): SB_{2026}/SB_0: $P(SB_{2026}<SB_{30})$: $P(SB_{2026}<SB_{20})$:	166 (113–272) Mlbs 38% (21-57%) 28% 1%	SB INCREASED 7% FROM 2025 TO 2026	**NOT OVERFISHED**[4]
Biological stock distribution:	SEE TABLES AND FIGURES	REGION 3 INCREASED, REGION 2 DECREASED FROM 2024 TO 2025	**REGION 4 AT THE HIGHEST OBSERVED PROPORTION**
FISHERY CONTEXT			
Total mortality 2025: Percent retained 2025: Average mortality 2021-25:	28.80 Mlbs, 13,063 t[1] 81% 34.58 Mlbs, 15,687 t	MORTALITY DECREASED FROM 2024 TO 2025	**2025 WAS THE LOWEST MORTALITY IN 100 YEARS**

[1] Weights in this document are reported as 'net' weights, head and guts removed; this is approximately 75% of the round (wet) weight.
[2] Ranges denote approximate 95% credible intervals from the stock assessment ensemble.
[3] Status determined relative to the IPHC's interim reference Spawning Potential Ratio level of 43%.
[4] Status determined relative to the IPHC's interim management procedure biomass limit of $SB_{20\%}$.

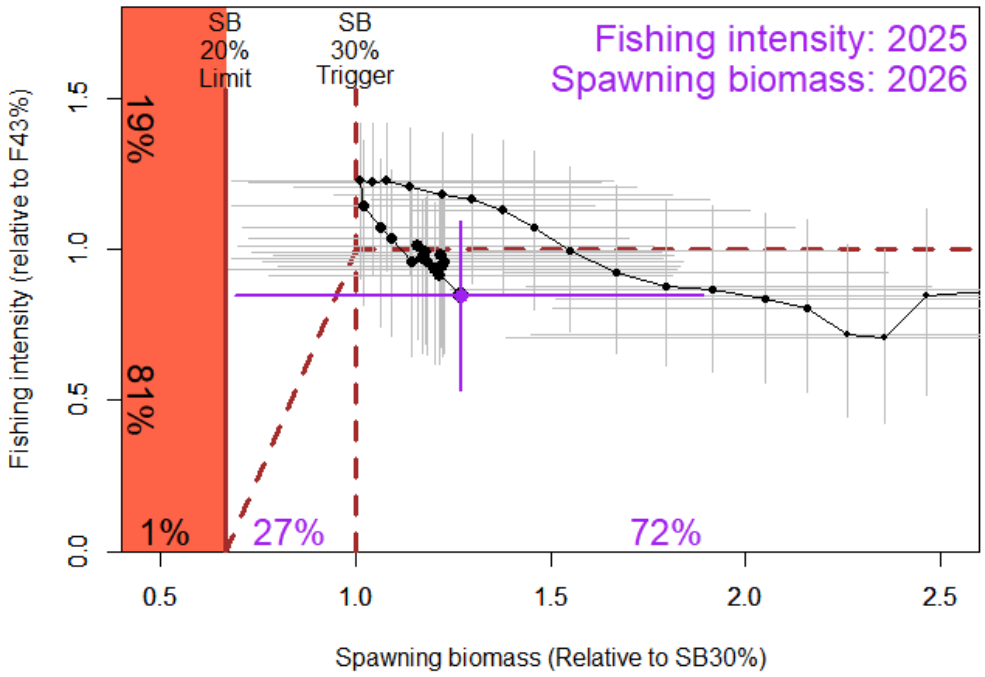

Figure 4. Phase plot showing the estimated time-series of spawning biomass (1993-2026) and fishing intensity (1992-2025) relative to the reference points specified in the IPHC's interim management procedure. Dashed lines indicate the current $F_{43\%}$ (horizontal) reference fishing intensity, with linear reduction below the $SB_{30\%}$ (vertical) trigger, the red area indicates relative spawning biomass levels below the $SB_{20\%}$ limit. Each year of the time series is denoted by a solid point (credible intervals by horizontal and vertical whiskers), with the relative fishing intensity in 2025 and spawning biomass at the beginning of 2026 shown as the largest point (purple). Percentages along the y-axis indicate the probability of being above and below $F_{43\%}$ in 2025; percentages on the x-axis the probabilities of being below $SB_{20\%}$, between $SB_{20\%}$ and $SB_{30\%}$ and above $SB_{30\%}$ at the beginning of 2026.

6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

6.1 IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy

24. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-11a Rev_1, that provided the Commission with the Harvest Strategy Policy (HSP) (IPHC-2025-IM101-11b Rev_1) for adoption, and a description of how productivity regimes affect the optimal fishing intensity.

25. The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy (IPHC-2025-HSP), in principle with agreement for the Commission and the Secretariat to finalize language in a few places, noting that results from the 2026 MSE program of work may be used to update the HSP before the next scheduled triennial update.

26. The Commission **REQUESTED** the following be added to the 2026 MSE program of work to be considered in the next HSP update:

    a) Investigation of potential changes to the reference SPR (F43%) with the updated MSE framework;

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g) Expansion of the definition of Net Economic Returns (NER) to include opportunities (e.g. Community-based Fisheries, recreational fisheries etc.), cultural aspects (e.g. Food, Social and Ceremonial fisheries), and other concepts that are important to Pacific halibut users.

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2026

27. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-12 Rev_1 that provided short-term (3-year) stock projections and the harvest decision table for 2026-2028.

28. The Commission **NOTED** that:

a) Spawning biomass estimates in 2025 (last year) from the 2025 stock assessment are similar to those from last year's stock assessment (7% higher) and are increasing slowly. The 2012, 2016, and 2017 year-classes (all larger than all those occurring from 2006-2011) are highly important in the 3-year stock projections as they will be continuing to mature over the next several years.

b) Projections indicate that the spawning biomass would increase in the absence of any fishing mortality, with risks of stock decline over one and three years both less than 1/100 (Table 2, Fig. 5).

i. At the status quo coastwide TCEY (29.72 million pounds; Table 3), risks of stock decrease over one and three years are 15/100 and 18/100.

ii. For all harvest levels that exceed the three-year surplus (38.95 million pounds), risks of stock decline are larger than 50/100 and reaching 91/100 for the coastwide TCEY that is projected to correspond to the F35% Overfishing limit/MSY proxy harvest level in 2026.

iii. Alternative harvest levels around the status quo (+/- 5 and 10%) are projected to result in levels of fishing intensity ranging from F54% to F48%, at or lower than those estimated in recent years.

iv. The reference level of fishing mortality (F43%) corresponds to a TCEY equal to the three-year surplus, which is approximately 30% greater than the current status quo.

v. The probability of a reduction in the coastwide TCEY in order to maintain a fishing intensity no greater than F43% over the next three years is projected to be 53/100.

c) All projections result in a probability of the relative spawning biomass dropping below the SB30% threshold over the next three years of 5-27/100. The probability of dropping below the SB20% limit is estimated to be <1-6/100.

Table 2. Harvest decision table for 2026-2028 mortality limits. Columns correspond to yield alternatives and rows to risk metrics. Values in the table represent the probability, in "times out of 100" (or percent chance) of a particular risk.

2026 Alternative					*Status quo -10%*	*Status quo -5%*	*Status quo*	*Status quo +5%*	*Status quo +10%*	*$F_{46\%}$*	*3-Year Surplus / $F_{43\%}$*	*MEY proxy*	*Overfishing limit*	
Total mortality (M lb)			0.0	21.9	28.6	30.1	31.6	33.1	34.6	37.0	40.8	45.1	53.7	
TCEY (M lb)			0.0	20.0	26.8	28.2	29.7	31.2	32.7	35.1	39.0	43.3	51.9	
2026 fishing intensity			$F_{100\%}$	$F_{62\%}$	$F_{54\%}$	$F_{52\%}$	$F_{51\%}$	$F_{49\%}$	$F_{48\%}$	$F_{46\%}$	$F_{43\%}$	$F_{40\%}$	$F_{35\%}$	
Fishing intensity interval			--	47-77%	39-71%	37-70%	36-69%	34-68%	33-67%	31-65%	28-62%	26-59%	22-54%	
Stock Trend (spawning biomass)	in 2027	is less than 2026	<1	3	10	12	15	18	22	28	40	54	80	a
		is 5% less than 2026	<1	<1	1	1	2	2	3	4	8	14	32	b
	in 2028	is less than 2026	<1	2	8	10	13	16	19	26	38	54	82	c
		is 5% less than 2026	<1	<1	2	3	4	5	7	10	17	28	55	d
	in 2029	is less than 2026	<1	3	11	14	18	22	27	35	50	68	91	e
		is 5% less than 2026	<1	1	5	6	8	11	13	19	30	46	77	f
Stock Status (Spawning biomass)	in 2027	is less than 30%	24	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	27	g
		is less than 20%	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	h
	in 2028	is less than 30%	14	22	23	24	24	24	24	25	25	26	27	i
		is less than 20%	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1	2	3	j
	in 2029	is less than 30%	5	17	20	21	22	22	23	23	24	25	27	k
		is less than 20%	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1	2	3	6	l
Fishery Trend (TCEY)	in 2027	is less than 2026	0	<1	11	16	20	25	30	37	49	60	75	m
		is 10% less than 2026	0	<1	4	9	10	14	18	25	35	47	65	n
	in 2028	is less than 2026	0	<1	11	15	20	24	29	37	50	61	78	o
		is 10% less than 2026	0	<1	4	10	10	14	18	25	36	49	68	p
	in 2029	is less than 2026	0	1	11	15	10	25	30	39	53	65	82	q
		is 10% less than 2026	0	<1	5	10	11	15	19	26	39	53	73	r
Fishery Status (Fishing intensity)	in 2026	is above $F_{43\%}$	0	<1	13	18	23	27	32	39	50	60	73	s

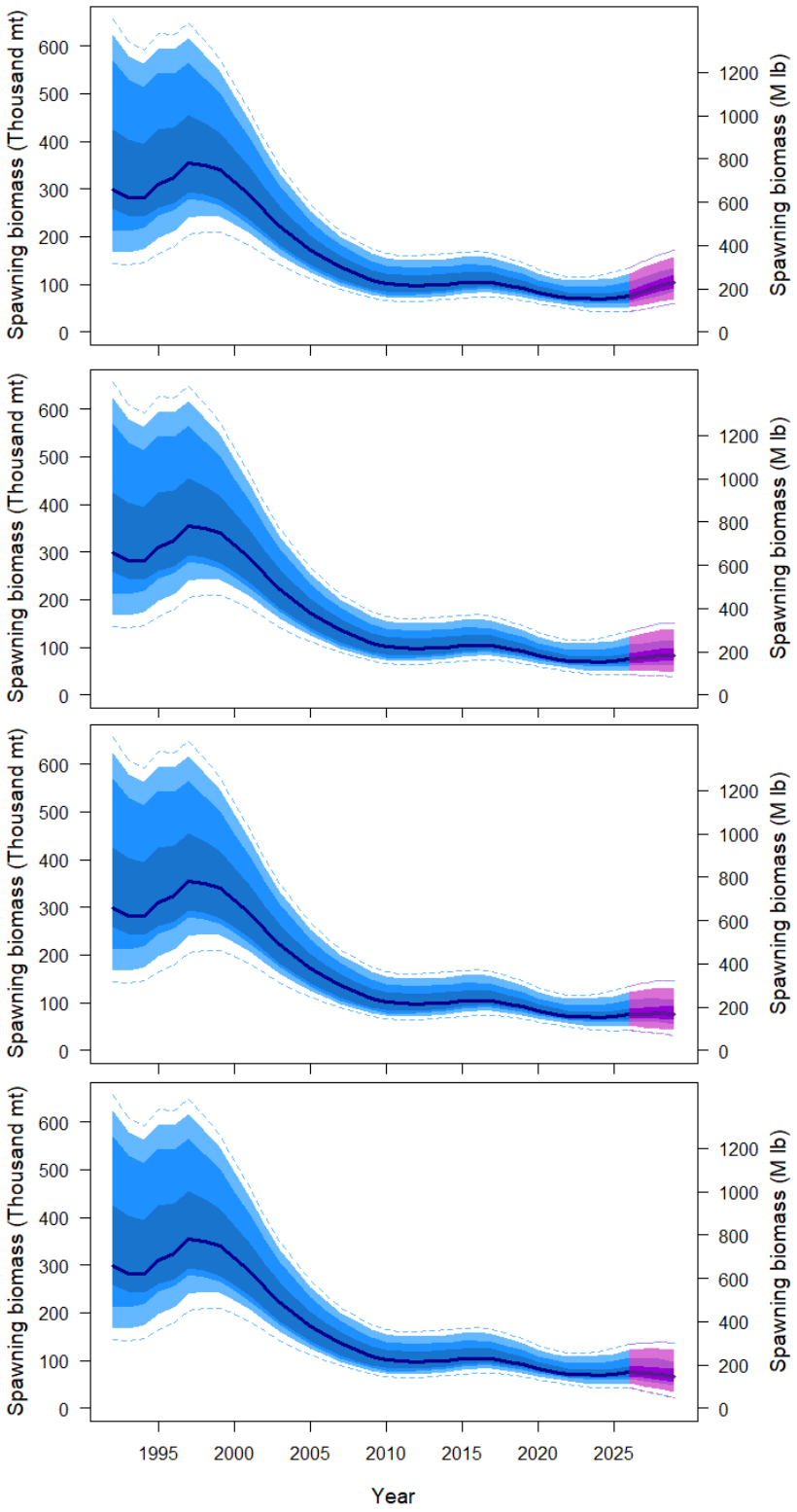

Figure 5. Three-year projections of stock trend under alternative levels of mortality: no fishing mortality (upper panel), the *status quo* coastwide TCEY set in 2025 (29.72 million pounds; second panel), the 3-year surplus and equivalent TCEY projected for the $F_{43\%}$ reference level of fishing intensity (38.95 million pounds, third panel) and the TCEY projected for the $F_{35\%}$ MSY proxy level of fishing intensity / overfishing limit (51.88 million pounds, bottom panel).

Table 3. Recent adopted TCEYs by IPHC Regulatory Area and coastwide (M lbs net).

YEAR	2A	2B	2C	3A	3B	4A	4B	4CDE	TOTAL
2013	1.11	7.78	5.02	17.07	5.87	2.43	1.93	4.28	45.48
2014	1.11	7.64	5.47	12.05	3.73	1.56	1.49	3.58	36.65
2015	1.06	7.91	6.20	13.00	3.72	1.96	1.53	4.27	39.63
2016	1.26	8.24	6.54	12.75	3.41	1.95	1.37	4.07	39.59
2017	1.47	8.32	7.04	12.96	3.98	1.80	1.34	3.84	40.74
2018	1.32	7.10	6.34	12.54	3.27	1.74	1.28	3.62	37.21
2019	1.65	6.83	6.34	13.50	2.90	1.94	1.45	4.00	38.61
2020	1.65	6.83	5.85	12.20	3.12	1.75	1.31	3.90	36.60
2021	1.65	7.00	5.80	14.00	3.12	2.05	1.40	3.98	39.00
2022	1.65	7.56	5.91	14.55	3.90	2.10	1.45	4.10	41.22
2023	1.65	6.78	5.85	12.08	3.67	1.73	1.36	3.85	36.97
2024	1.65	6.47	5.79	11.36	3.45	1.61	1.25	3.70	35.28
2025	1.65	5.45	5.22	9.08	2.86	1.34	1.04	3.08	29.72

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2026-2028

8.1 2026-28 FISS design evaluation

29. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-13 Rev_1 that presented design options for the IPHC's Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) for the 2026-28 period, as requested by the Commission, and an evaluation of those designs based on the Commission's stated objectives for the FISS.

30. The Commission **RECALLED** that the priority of an optimised FISS sampling design is to maintain or enhance data quality (precision and bias) by establishing minimum sampling requirements in terms of station count, station distribution, and skates per station. Potential considerations that could add to or modify the design are logistics and cost (secondary design layer), FISS removals (impact on the stock), data collection assistance for specific Contracting Party agencies, and IPHC policies (tertiary design layer). These priorities are the stated objectives of the Commission, for implementation by the Secretariat, and are outlined in Table 4.

Table 4. Commission directives - Prioritization of FISS objectives and corresponding design layers.

Priority	Objective	Design Layer
Primary	Sample Pacific halibut for stock assessment and stock distribution estimation	Minimum sampling requirements in terms of: • Station distribution • Station count • Skates per station
Secondary	Cost effectiveness without compromising the scientific integrity of the FISS design.	Balance operational feasibility/logistics, cost/revenue, and scientific needs. Includes an aspirational target reserve of US$2,000,000
Tertiary	Minimize removals, assist others where feasible on a cost-recovery basis, address specific Commission informational needs.	Removals: minimize impact on the stock while meeting primary priority Assist: assist others to collect data on a cost-recovery basis IPHC policies: ad-hoc decisions of the Commission regarding the FISS design

31. The Commission **NOTED** that the FISS sampling provides key information for stock assessment and management, including:

a) Coastwide and Biological Region-specific trends in numbers and biomass;

b) Demographic data, including length, age, sex and individual weights;

c) Distributional estimates by Biological Region and IPHC Regulatory Area.

32. The Commission **NOTED** the importance of broad spatial coverage across Biological Regions, IPHC Regulatory Areas, and key habitats within Regulatory Areas in order to ensure that fishery-independent information from the FISS leads to estimates with minimal bias.

33. The Commission **ADOPTED** the Supplemented Reduced Loss design (Option 2) for the 2026 FISS as provided in Appendix IV, **NOTING** that other charter regions may be added before the end of January 2026.

34. The Commission **RECALLED** that supplementary funding is needed to sustain the FISS, at least in the near-term, and **AGREED** to continue to explore options for funding, e.g. from Contracting Parties and/or external partners.

2026 FISS bid specifications and tenders

35. The Commission **NOTED** that the IPHC Secretariat will be soliciting tenders for the 2026 FISS in December 2025 (with tenders due on 2 February 2026), and that tender specifications would incorporate standard wording for amendments that the Commission may make at any time prior to the FISS season commencing. The Secretariat will welcome bids from both fixed-gear and snap-gear vessels. The tender process follows standard guidelines and is available on the IPHC website for transparency and accountability purposes.

9. BIOLOGICAL & ECOSYSTEM SCIENCES – PROJECT UPDATES

9.1 Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities

36. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-14 that provided a description of the biological and ecosystem science research projects conducted and planned by the IPHC Secretariat and contemplated within the Five-year Program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-26).

37. The Commission **NOTED** the primary biological research activities at IPHC that follow Commission objectives are identified and described in the IPHC's 5-Year Program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-26). These activities are integrated with stock assessment (SA) and the management strategy evaluation (MSE) processes and are summarized in five main areas, as follows:

a) Migration and Population Dynamics. Studies are aimed at improving current knowledge of Pacific halibut migration and population dynamics throughout all life stages in order to achieve a complete understanding of stock structure and distribution across the entire distribution range of Pacific halibut in the North Pacific Ocean and the biotic and abiotic factors that influence it.

b) Reproduction. Studies are aimed at providing information on the sex ratio of the commercial catch and to improve current estimates of maturity, both used in the 2025 full stock assessment, as well as fecundity.

c) Growth. Studies are aimed at describing the role of factors responsible for the observed changes in size-at-age and at evaluating growth and physiological condition in Pacific halibut.

d) Mortality and Survival Assessment. Studies are aimed at providing updated estimates of discard mortality rates in the guided recreational fisheries and at evaluating methods for reducing mortality of Pacific halibut.

e) Fishing Technology. Studies are aimed at developing methods that involve modifications of fishing gear with the purpose of reducing Pacific halibut mortality due to depredation and bycatch.

38. The Commission **NOTED** that a ranked list of biological uncertainties and parameters for stock assessment and the Management Strategy Evaluation process, and their links to research activities and outcomes derived from the five-year research plan are provided in the appendices within the paper.

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

39. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-15 Rev_1 that provided the Commission with an indication of the IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals, which the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted or indicated they anticipate submitting, for consideration by the Commission in the 2025-26 regulatory process.

40. The Commission **REQUESTED** that interested stakeholders note the deadline for submission of IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals, for consideration at the 102nd Session of the Annual Meeting (AM102), of **20 December 2025**. Late proposals will not be considered at AM102, but stakeholders may also submit statements up until the day before the AM102. More information is available via the updated IPHC website: https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/.

41. The Commission **NOTED** that the IPHC Secretariat and the relevant Contracting Party agencies intend to coordinate a joint review of regulatory proposals, with the aim of identifying and resolving issues and clarifying draft regulatory language in advance of AM102, as this proved to be an effective approach in recent years.

10.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals

10.1.1 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)

42. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-PropA1 that provided the Commission with an opportunity to recall the format of the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5), to be populated at AM102.

10.1.2 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)

43. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-PropA2 that provided the Commission with an opportunity to recall the format of the IPHC Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9), to be filled at AM102.

10.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals

10.2.1 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A

44. The Commission **NOTED** an indication of expected paper IPHC-2025-AM102-PropB1, from the USA, that would propose charter management measures reflective of fishery limits for the recreational fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A. The USA indicated it deferred this proposal to AM102.

10.2.2 Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B Proponent: Canada (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

45. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-AM102-PropB2, from Canada, that proposed 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.

10.3 Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals

46. Nil-to-date.

10.4 Stakeholder statements

47. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF01_Rev_1 that provided statements on IPHC fishery Regulations or published regulatory proposals from stakeholders.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Preparation for 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102) and associated subsidiary bodies

48. The Commission **RECALLED** that the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102) will be held in-person from 19-22 January 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bellevue, WA, USA.

49. The Commission **NOTED** that information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published on the meeting webpages as they become available, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of each meeting (20 December 2025), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure, as follows:

- 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102)
- 96th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB096)
- 31st Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB031)

12. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 101ST SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM101)

50. The report of the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IPHC-2025-IM101-R) was **ADOPTED** on 04 December 2025, including the consolidated set of recommendations and requests arising from IM101, provided at Appendix V.

APPENDIX I
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 101ST SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM101)

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APPENDIX II
AGENDA FOR THE 101ST SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM101)

Date: 2 December 2025
Location: Electronic
Venue: Adobe Connect
Time: 09:00-17:00 (PST) daily
Chairperson: Mr Jon Kurland (USA)
Vice-Chairperson: Mr Mark Waddell (Canada)

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (Chairperson)

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Chairperson & Executive Director)

3. IPHC PROCESS (D. Wilson)
- 3.1 Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, and intersessional decisions (D. Wilson)
- 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025): Draft (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)
- 3.3 Reports of IPHC Subsidiary Bodies (Q&A only)
- 3.4 International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)
- 3.5 Rules of Procedure: Amendments (D. Wilson, B. Hutniczak)

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 2025 (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 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 2026-2028
- 8.1 2025-29 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. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Preparation for the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102) and associated subsidiary bodies (D. Wilson)

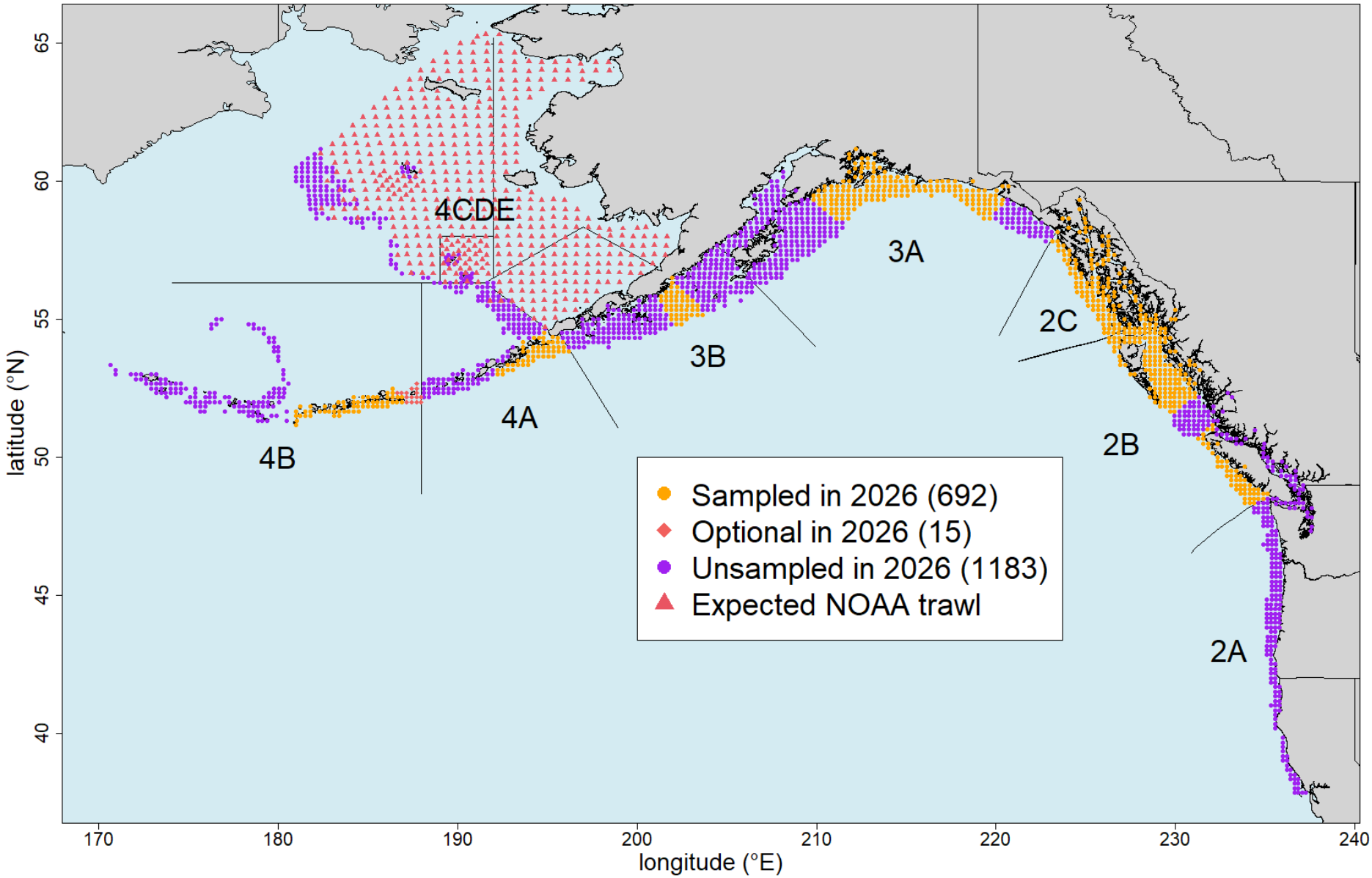
12. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 101st SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM101) (Chairperson & Executive Director)

APPENDIX III
LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 101ST SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM101)

Document	Title	Availability
IPHC-2025-IM101-01	Agenda & Schedule for the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101)	✓ 3 Sept 2025 ✓ 31 Oct 2025 ✓ 13 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-02	List of Documents for the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101)	✓ 3 Sept 2025 ✓ 31 Oct 2025 ✓ 2 Dec 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-03	Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), and 2025 intersessional decisions (D. Wilson)	✓ 29 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-04	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025): Draft (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)	✓ 29 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-05	International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)	✓ 29 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-06	IPHC Fisheries Dependent Data Collection Design and Implementation in 2025 – Port operations: Preliminary (M. Thom, I. Stewart & R. Webster)	✓ 29 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-07 Rev_1	Fisheries data overview (2025): Preliminary (B. Hutniczak, H. Tran, T. Kong, K. Sawyer van Vleck, & K. Magrane)	✓ 29 Oct 2025 ✓ 6 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-08	IPHC Fishery-independent setline survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025 (K. Ualesi, T. Jack, R. Rillera, & K. Coll)	✓ 29 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-09 Rev_1	Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)	✓ 30 Oct 2025 ✓ 10 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-10 Rev_1	Data overview and stock assessment for Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) at the end of 2025 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster, D. Wilson)	✓ 16 Oct 2025 ✓ 24 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-11a Rev_1	Harvest Strategy Policy (A. Hicks, I. Stewart, & D. Wilson)	✓ 30 Oct 2025 ✓ 11 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-11b Rev_1	DRAFT: IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy (IPHC)	✓ 30 Oct 2025 ✓ 11 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-12 Rev_1	Stock projections and harvest decision table for 2026-2028 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)	✓ 16 Oct 2025 ✓ 24 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-13 Rev_1	FISS Design 2026-28 (R. Webster, I. Stewart, K. Ualesi, T. Jack, & D. Wilson)	✓ 31 Oct 2025 ✓ 11 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-14	Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities (J. Planas)	✓ 29 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-15 Rev_1	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2025-26 process (B. Hutniczak)	✓ 22 Oct 2025 ✓ 3 Nov 2025

IPHC-2025-IM101-16	IPHC Rules of Procedure: Amendments (D. Wilson, B. Hutniczak)	✓ 31 Oct 2025
IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025		
IPHC Secretariat Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025		
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropA1	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)	✓ 22 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropA2	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)	✓ 22 Oct 2025
Contracting Party Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025		
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropB1	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A (USA)	Deferred until AM102
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropB2	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada)	✓ 2 Nov 2025
Other Stakeholder Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025		
IPHC-2025-IM101-PropC1	Nil to date	-
Information papers		
IPHC-2025-IM101-INF01 Rev_1	Stakeholder Statements on IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals (B. Hutniczak)	✓ 22 Oct 2025 ✓ 2 Dec 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-INF02	Considerations relating to allowing year-round landings of Pacific halibut in Canada (I. Stewart, B. Hutniczak, A. Hicks, J. Planas, M. Thom, D. Wilson)	✓ 22 Oct 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-INF03	Using artificial intelligence (AI) for supplementing Pacific halibut age determination from collected otoliths (B. Hutniczak, J. Forsberg, K. Sawyer Van Vleck, & K. Magrane)	✓ 22 Oct 2025

APPENDIX IV
FISS DESIGN FOR 2026



APPENDIX V
CONSOLIDATED SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE 101ST SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM101) (2 DECEMBER 2025)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil.

REQUESTS

Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, and intersessional decisions

IM101-Req.01 (para. 5) The Commission **REQUESTED** that paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF02 be expanded to include the following elements, to the extent possible, for consideration at AM102 in January 2026:

a) An analysis of measures that would ensure no expansion of Pacific halibut effort;

b) An analysis of the extent to which high prices and winter price premium incentives might create an incentive to maximize winter Pacific halibut landings;

c) An analysis of whether approval of this proposal may lead other commercial fishery sectors in Canada or the U.S.A. to seek approval to retain Pacific halibut bycatch (e.g. the Amendment 80 fleet).

IPHC Rules of Procedure

IM101-Req.02 (para. 12) The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2025), as provided in IPHC-2025-IM101-16, by consensus, and **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.

IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy

IM101-Req.03 (para. 26) The Commission **REQUESTED** the following be added to the 2026 MSE program of work to be considered in the next HSP update:

a) Investigation of potential changes to the reference SPR (F43%) with the updated MSE framework;

b) Further development of the Depleted concept, including a threshold and management action when approaching the threshold;

c) A description of the interactions between overfished, depleted, and overfishing and further understanding how each fits within the management framework;

d) Investigations of different productivity regimes and how management may change in response to different productivity;

e) Expansion of the rebuilding section to include discussion of potential management actions while a rebuilding plan is in development, and how the rebuilding plan will meet policies of the two Contracting Parties;

f) Development of guidance documents (e.g. rebuilding plan);

g) Expansion of the definition of Net Economic Returns (NER) to include opportunities (e.g. Community-based Fisheries, recreational fisheries etc.), cultural aspects (e.g. Food, Social and Ceremonial fisheries), and other concepts that are important to Pacific halibut users.

IPHC Fishery regulations: Proposals for the 2025-26 process

IM101-Req.04 (para. 40) The Commission **REQUESTED** that interested stakeholders note the deadline for submission of IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals, for consideration at the 102nd Session of the Annual Meeting (AM102), of **20 December 2025**. Late proposals will not be considered at AM102, but stakeholders may also submit statements up until the day before the AM102. More information is available via the updated IPHC website: https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/.

Other key decisions

IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy

(para. 25) The Commission **ADOPTED** the IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy (IPHC-2025-HSP), in principle with agreement for the Commission and the Secretariat to finalize language in a few places, noting that results from the 2026 MSE program of work may be used to update the HSP before the next scheduled triennial update.

2026 FISS design

(para. 33) The Commission **ADOPTED** the Supplemented Reduced Loss design (Option 2) for the 2026 FISS as provided in Appendix IV, **NOTING** that other charter regions may be added before the end of January 2026.