



IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2026-28)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the tentative IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2026-28) ([Appendix I](#)).

BACKGROUND

Commission: The Commission's annual cycle of meetings is built around the management needs of the Pacific halibut fishery. The IPHC Interim Meeting (IM) follows the completion of the commercial fishing period, and is timed to allow the IPHC Secretariat to incorporate data from that fishing period into the stock assessment and harvest decision support for the coming season. The IPHC Annual Meeting (AM) is scheduled to allow harvest and regulation decisions to be made by the Commission and implemented by the Contracting Parties in time for the opening of the next commercial fishing period.

Subsidiary bodies: The Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) meets prior to the Annual Meeting, while the Conference Board (CB) and Processor Advisory Board (PAB) meet adjacent to, or during the course of the Annual Meeting. The Scientific Review Board (SRB) has historically met twice during the course of the year. The Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) will meet in the first half of the year. The Research Advisory Board (RAB) meets in November, prior to the Interim Meeting (IM), when its members are best able to convene and consider the IPHC's research activities.

DISCUSSION

Meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies are of interest to the Pacific halibut stakeholder community and the general public, and the publication of their schedule as far in advance as possible enhances meeting preparation and collaboration among stakeholders and Contracting Party agencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-16, that provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2026-28).
- 2) **APPROVE** the IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2026-28), while also noting date and venue changes may occur based on the individual circumstances of each subsidiary body.
- 3) **NOTE** that Canada will host the 103rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM103), in Victoria, BC, in January 2027.

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2026-28)



APPENDIX I

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	2026			2027			2028		
Meeting	No.	Dates	Location	No.	Proposed Dates	Location	No.	Proposed Dates	Location
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	102 nd	14 Jan	Online	103 rd	13 Jan	Online	104 th	19 Jan	Online
Annual Meeting (AM)	102nd	19--22 Jan	Bellevue, WA, USA	103rd	25--28 Jan	Victoria, BC, Canada	104th	24-27 Jan	TBD, USA
Conference Board (CB)	96 th	20-22 Jan	Bellevue, WA, USA	97 th	26-27 Jan	Victoria, BC, Canada	98 th	25-26 Jan	TBD, USA
Processor Advisory Board (PAB)	31 st	20-22 Jan	Bellevue, WA, USA	32 nd	26-27 Jan	Victoria, BC, Canada	33 rd	25-26 Jan	TBD, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	21 st	TBD May	Online	22 nd	TBD May	Online	23 rd	TBD May	Online
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	28 th	19-21 May	Seattle, USA	30 th	TBD June	Seattle, USA	32 nd	TBD June	Seattle, USA
	29 th	22-24 Sept	Seattle, USA	31 st	TBD Sept	Seattle, USA	33 rd	TBD Sept	Seattle, USA
Work Meeting (WM)	--	3-4 Sept	Bellingham or Seattle, USA	--	2-3 Sept	Bellingham or Seattle, USA	-	7-8 Sept	Bellingham or Seattle, USA
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	27 th	TBD Nov	Seattle, USA	28 th	TBD Nov	Seattle, USA	29 th	TBD Nov	Seattle, USA
Interim Meeting (IM)	102nd	24 Nov	Online	103rd	22 Nov	Online	104th	21 Nov	Online