



**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 103rd SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM103)**

Date: 25-28 January 2027

Location: Victoria, BC, Canada

Venue: [Fairmont Empress](#)

Time (PST): 25th: 09:00-17:30; 26th: 09:00-10:30; 27th: 15:30-17:00; 28th: 09:00-17:00

Chairperson: Mr Mark Waddell (Canada)

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Jon Kurland (USA)

Document deadline: 26 December 2026 (30 days prior to the opening of the Session)

AGENDA FOR THE 103rd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM103)

- 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 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102), 2026 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 102nd Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM102) (D. Wilson)
 - 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2026) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)
 - 3.3 Report of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB) (SRB Chairperson)
 - 3.4 Report of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) (MSAB Co-Chairpersons)
 - 3.5 Report of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB) (RAB Chairperson)
 - 3.6 Report of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC Chairperson)
- 4. FISHERY MONITORING**
 - 4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2026)
 - 4.1.1 Port operations (M. Thom)
 - 4.1.2 Fisheries data (B. Hutniczak)
 - 4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2026)
 - 4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2026 (K. Ualesi)
- 5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2026)**
 - 5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)
 - 5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2026)
- 6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
 - 6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: 2026 updates (A. Hicks)

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2027

- 7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2027-2029 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)
- 7.2 The IPHC mortality projection tool for 2027 mortality limits (I. Stewart)

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2027-31

- 8.1 2027-31 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 2026-27 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 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB097)
(CB Co-Chairpersons)**13. REPORT OF THE 32nd SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY BOARD (PAB032)** (PAB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 14.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2027-29) (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 103rd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM103) (Chairperson)



SCHEDULE FOR THE 103rd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM103)

Monday, 25 January 2027		
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
09:10-09:25	3. IPHC Process 3.1 Update on actions arising from the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102), 2026 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 102nd Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM102) 3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2026)	D. Wilson
09:25-10:00	3.3 Report of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB)	SRB Chairperson
10:00-10:20	3.4 Report of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	MSAB Co-Chairpersons
10:20-10:30	3.5 Report of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB)	RAB Chairperson
10:30-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:10	3.6 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	FAC Chairperson
11:10-11:40	4. Fishery Monitoring 4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2026) 4.1.1 Port Operations 4.1.2 Fisheries data	M. Thom B. Hutniczak
11:40-12:00	4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2026) 4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2026 (K. Ualesi)	K. Ualesi
12:00-12:45	5. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2026)	R. Webster

	5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)	
12:45-13:45	Lunch	
13:45-14:55	5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2026)	I. Stewart
14:55-15:15	6. Management strategy evaluation: 2026 updates 6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation & Harvest Strategy Policy (A. Hicks)	A. Hicks
15:15-15:30	7. Harvest decision table 2027 7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2027-2029 7.2 The IPHC mortality projection tool for 2027 mortality limits	I. Stewart
15:30-15:50	Break	
15:50-16:10	8. FISS design evaluations 2027-2031 8.1 2027-31 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 2026-27 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 Canada: DFO & USA: NOAA-Fisheries Stakeholders B. Hutniczak
17:00-17:30	<i>Public comment and questions</i>	Chairperson
19:00-21:30	103rd IPHC ANNUAL MEETING RECEPTION	Executive Director
	Poster Session: Research and Monitoring	J. Planas
Tuesday, 26 January 2027		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
09:00-09:30	11. Contracting Party: National Reports	Canada

	11.1 Canada	
09:30-10:00	11.2 United States of America	USA
10:00-10:30	<i>Public comment and questions</i>	Chairperson
10:30-10:50	Break	
10:50-17:00	No AM103 Session: Opportunity for delegations to caucus	-
17:00-18:30	IPHC 2027 FISS Q&A – RFT process and specifications – TBA & AM103 Adobe Connect meeting link	K. Ualesi
Wednesday, 27 January 2027		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
09:00-14:45	No AM103 Session: Opportunity for delegations to caucus	-
14:45-15:30	Break	
15:30-16:15	12. Report of the 97 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB097)	CB Co-Chairpersons
16:15-17:00	13. Report of the 31 st Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB031)	PAB Chairperson
Thursday, 28 January 2027		
09:00-10:30	Revisit regulatory proposals for final actions	B. Hutniczak
10:30-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:30	Revisit regulatory proposals for final actions (as needed)	B. Hutniczak
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Decision summary from AM103 – Final actions ➤ Mortality limits for 2027: For decision/announcement (Agenda Item 10)	Chairperson
14:30-14:45	14. Other business 14.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2027-29)	D. Wilson

	14.2 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next year	
14:45-15:30	Break	
15:30-17:00	Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 103 rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM103)	Chairperson