



IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the draft IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) ([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 advice 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), Conference Board (CB) and Processor Advisory Board (PAB) meet adjacent to or during the course of the Annual Meeting. The Scientific Review Board (SRB) and Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) each meet at least twice during the course of the year, in a sequence that supports both their mutual collaboration and the timing of their advice for the Commission. The Research Advisory Board (RAB) meets in late February, when its members are best able to convene and consider the IPHC's scientific program of work.

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 promotes enhanced meeting preparation and collaboration among stakeholders and partner agencies.

The draft calendar provided in [Appendix I](#) includes the dates and locations for meetings in 2019 and 2020. The following changes and concerns regarding the 2019 and 2020 meeting schedule have arisen since AM094:

- At the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094) the Commission:
 - nominated Sitka, Alaska, USA as the location for the 13th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB013) in May 2019, and this was subsequently endorsed by the Commission on 28 November 2018;
 - nominated Anchorage or Juneau Alaska, U.S.A. as the location for 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting in January 2020, in place of the originally scheduled

Sitka, Alaska, due to logistical difficulties identified. Anchorage was subsequently endorsed by the Commission on 28 November 2018;

- Subsequent to AM094, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) announced dates for its 2020 meetings that conflict with the 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM096).

Suggested course of action: Nil. Retain current dates of 27-31 January 2020.

The draft calendar provided in [Appendix I](#) was revised as directed by the Commission at IM094 in preparation for consideration and approval at AM095.

Dates for meetings in 2021 are proposed for the Commission's consideration. Note that the location for the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) in 2021 should also be finalised at AM095, in order to plan for the meeting and contract for the necessary meeting venue. The meeting would be hosted by Canada.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2019-AM095-22, which provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21).
- 2) **APPROVE** the IPHC Meetings Calendar (2019-21).

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): DRAFT: IPHC Meetings Calendar (2019-21)



APPENDIX I
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Meeting	2019			2020			2021		
	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.	Proposed	Location
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	95 th	28 Jan	Victoria, Canada	96 th	27 Jan	Anchorage, USA	97 th	25 Jan	TBD, Canada
Annual Meeting (AM)	95th	28 Jan-1 Feb	Victoria, Canada	96th	27-31 Jan	Anchorage, USA	97th	25-29 Jan	TBD, Canada
Conference Board (CB)	89 th	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada	90 th	28-29 Jan	Anchorage, USA	91 st	26-27 Jan	TBD, Canada
Processor Advisory Board (PAB)	24 th	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada	25 th	28-29 Jan	Anchorage, USA	26 th	26-27 Jan	TBD, Canada
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	20 th	27 Feb	Seattle, USA	21 st	26 Feb	Seattle, USA	22 nd	24 Feb	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	13 th	6-9 May	Sitka, USA	15 th	11-14 May	Port Hardy, Canada	17 th	TBD if necessary	TBD if necessary
	14 th	21-24 Oct	Seattle, USA	16 th	19-22 Oct	Seattle, USA	18 th	TBD if necessary	TBD if necessary
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	14 th	25-27 June	Seattle, USA	16 th	23-25 June	Seattle, USA	18 th	22-24 June	Seattle, USA
	15 th	24-26 Sept	Seattle, USA	17 th	22-24 Sept	Seattle, USA	19 th	21-23 Sept	Seattle, USA
Work Meeting (WM)	--	18-19 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	16-17 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	15-16 Sept	Bellingham, USA
Interim Meeting (IM)	95th	25-26 Nov	Seattle, USA	96th	1-2 Dec	Seattle, USA	97th	30 Nov-1 Dec	Seattle, USA