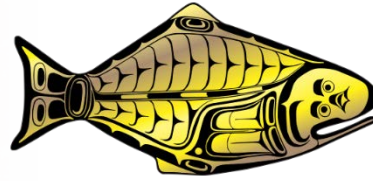


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Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2018)

Agenda item 4

([IPHC-2019-AM095-04](#))

Staffing improvements

Full time regular				
FT Arrivals	Type	Hire Date	Status	Position Title
Caroline Robinson	Full time regular	27 June 2018	Active	Fisheries Data Coordinator (Recreational, Subsistence, & Data Entry)
Colin Jones	Full time regular	14 January 2019	Active	Survey Coordinator (Bait and Gear)
FT Change				
Edward Henry	Full time regular	16 May 2012	Active (promotion 1 July 2018)	Old: Survey Coordinator (Bait) New: Fisheries Data Specialist (Bycatch)
Lara Erikson	Full time regular	24 September 2001	Active (promotion 1 August 2018)	Old: Fisheries Data Manager New: Branch Manager, Fisheries Statistics and Services
Huyen Tran	Full time regular	14 August 2002	Active (promotion 12 Nov 2018)	Old: Fisheries Data Specialist New: Fisheries Data Manager

Staffing improvements, cont.

Temporary positions				
Temp/contract	Type	Hire Date	Status	Position Title
Anna Simeon	Temporary full time (2-yr contract ending 28 February 2020)	1 March 2018	Active	Biological Science Laboratory Technician
Suzanne Dodds	Temporary full time (3.5 month contract)	16 May 2018	Departed: 27 August 2018	Undergraduate Intern
Dr Steven Berukoff	Temporary full time (2-yr contract ending 21 October 2020)	22 October 2018	Active	MSE Programmer
Dr Piera Carpi	New temporary position (2-yr contract)	1 April 2019	Pending	MSE Researcher

IPHC Merit Scholarship

- **Kaia Dahl** of Petersburg, AK is the recipient of the 2018 IPHC Merit Scholarship
 - Began studies in fall 2018 at Greenville College in Greenville, IL
 - US\$2000 per year for four years
- Other current IPHC Merit Scholars:
 - Ysabel Echevario (2016)
 - Shalie Dahl (2015)

Meetings of the IPHC and subsidiary bodies

Meetings	No.	Original Date	Location
Annual Meeting (AM)	94 th	22-26 Jan	Portland, USA
Conference Board (CB)	88 th	23-24 Jan	Portland, USA
Processor Advisory Board (PAB)	23 rd	23-24 Jan	Portland, USA
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	94 th	22, 25 Jan	Portland, USA
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	19 th	28 Feb	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	11 th	7-10 May	Seattle, USA
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	12 th	19-21 June	Seattle, USA
Work Meeting (WM)	--	19-20 Sept	Bellingham, USA
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	13 th	25-27 Sept	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	12 th	22-25 Oct	Seattle, USA
Interim Meeting (IM)	94 th	27-28 Nov	Seattle, USA

IPHC Fishery Regulations (2018)

(published 15 February 2018)

In 2018, the Commission adopted **six (6)** fishery regulations in accordance with Article III of the Convention, as follows:

1) IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations, Section 8. Fishing periods

IPHC-2018-AM094-R, para. 49: *The Commission **ADOPTED** fishing periods for 2017 as provided below, thereby superseding Section 8 of the IPHC halibut fishery regulations:*

- a) *IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (Non-Treaty Direct Commercial): 27 Jun, 11 July, 25 July, 8 August, 22 August, 5 September, 19 September.*
- b) *IPHC Canadian and U.S.A. quota-share fisheries: Opening: 24 March – Closing date: 7 November.*

2) IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations, various sections – minor amendments

IPHC-2018-AM094-R, para. 52: *The Commission **NOTED** and **ADOPTED** regulatory proposal IPHC-2018-AM094-PropA4 which proposed amendments to ensure clarity and consistency in the IPHC Fishery Regulations [with amendments].*

IPHC Fishery Regulations (2018) cont.

3) IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations, Section 7. Fishing in IPHC Regulatory Areas 4E and 4D, and Section 11. Commercial Catch Limits

IPHC-2018-AM094-R, para. 55: *The Commission **NOTED** and **ADOPTED** regulatory proposal IPHC-2018-AM094-PropB1 Rev_1, which proposed IPHC Regulation changes to allow the use of leased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) by Community Development Quota (CDQ) organizations in IPHC Regulatory Areas 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E.*

4) IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations, Section 28. Sport Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E

IPHC-2018-AM094-R, para. 56: *The Commission **NOTED** and **ADOPTED** regulatory proposal IPHC-2018-AM094-PropB2, which proposed a clarification to the IPHC Regulations regarding retention of Pacific halibut caught in the recreational charter fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A.*

IPHC Fishery Regulations (2018) cont.

5) IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations, Section 28. Sport Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E

IPHC-2018-AM094-R, para. 63: *The Commission **ADOPTED** the text proposed in IPHC-2018-AM094-23, as modified during the AM094, in response to stakeholder proposal IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC5, which proposed a clarification to the IPHC Regulations regarding filleting of Pacific halibut caught recreationally in Alaska.*

6) IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations, Section 19. Fishing Gear

IPHC-2018-AM094-R, para. 66: *The Commission **ADOPTED** the text proposed in IPHC-2018-AM094-23 in response to stakeholder proposal IPHC-2018-AM094-C13, which proposed a modification to the IPHC Regulations to allow retention of Pacific halibut taken in long-line or single pot gear in the directed Pacific halibut fishery in Alaska, where such gear is permitted by domestic regulation.*

Deferred regulatory proposals from 2018

- At AM094, the Commission deferred action on six stakeholder regulatory proposals to a working group for further study.
- Enforcement of recreational fishery bag and possession limits where fishers live aboard their vessels is the primary issue
- NOAA-Fisheries AKR, NOAA OLE, and NOAA General Counsel met with the IPHC Secretariat in Sept 2018
- No solutions developed, but working group is open to new ideas that would allow authorities to properly account for recreationally caught fish in an enforceable manner, and agreed to continue to solicit input from stakeholders
- Working group comments included as Appendix I to [IPHC-2019-AM095-04](#)

Interactions with Contracting Parties: Canada

- DFO

- 2018 FISS expansion in IPHC Reg. Area 2B

- Areas of concern (MPAs, RCAs)

- Species of concern (yelloweye, bocaccio)

- Halibut Advisory Board (HAB)

- The Executive Director participates as a HAB member, with other Secretariat staff in support. This relationship is expected to continue into the future given the HAB's contributions to the Canadian decision-making process.

Interactions with Contracting Parties: USA

- NOAA-Fisheries
 - Working with AFSC on MMPA permitting for research
- NPFMC
 - Abundance-based management of Pacific halibut bycatch (ABM)
 - Pacific halibut retention in pots in the Bering Sea
- PFMC
 - IPHC Regulatory Area 2A Catch Sharing Plan
 - IPHC Regulatory Area 2A non-tribal directed commercial fishery

IPHC Communications and Outreach

- IPHC website (<https://iphc.int/>)
 - Positive reviews for new website, launched in Dec 2017
 - New functionality implemented or in development:
 - [FISS data](#) (*CPUE, biological data, FISS performance, all species NPUE*)
 - [Regulations portal](#)
 - [Landings data](#) (*updated twice monthly*)
 - [Mortality projection tool](#)

Improvements to the process

<https://iphc.int/data/iphc-secretariat-data>

Improvements to the process

<https://iphc.int/data/setline-survey-catch-per-unit-effort>

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<https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/>

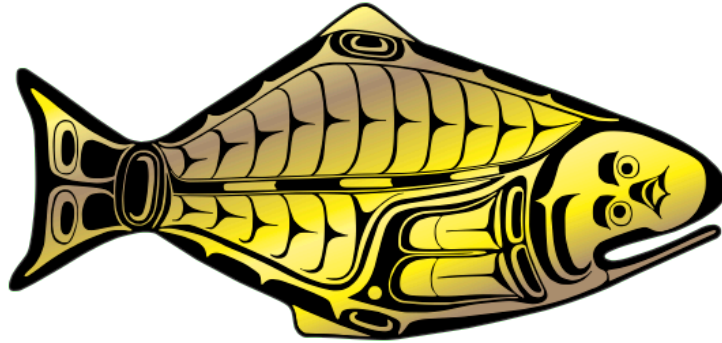
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<https://iphc.int/the-commission/fishery-regulations/>

IPHC Communications and Outreach, cont.

- Annual Report
 - Now published soon after the Annual Meeting
- Report of Assessment and Research Activities (RARA)
 - Content integrated into Annual Meeting papers and the IPHC website
 - Abbreviated format ([IPHC-2019-AM095-INF04](#)) will be discontinued after AM095, ending the series

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