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## IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2022-23 process

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### PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an overview of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted for consideration by the Commission at the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099).

### BACKGROUND

Recalling the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals submission and review process instituted in 2017, this paper is intended to provide an overview of the fishery regulations proposals being submitted to the Commission in the 2022-23 process.

The Commission had a chance for a preliminary review of majority of the proposals at the 98<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM098). The deadline for submission of regulatory proposals for consideration by the Commission at the 99<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) is 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

### DISCUSSION

A list of titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals submitted as part of the 2022-23 process is provided at [Appendix I](#).

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2023-AM099-14, which provides the Commission with an overview of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted for consideration by the Commission in the 2022-23 process.

### APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): Titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals submitted for consideration in the 2022-23 process.

## APPENDIX I

## Titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals submitted for consideration in the 2022-23 process.

Ref. No.	Title	Brief description
<b>IPHC Secretariat</b>		
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropA1</a>	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)	To provide clear documentation of mortality and fishery limits within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5). <i>Mortality and fishery limits tables will be filled when the Commission adopts TCEYs for the individual IPHC Regulatory Areas.</i>
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropA2</a>	Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)	To specify fishing periods for the directed commercial Pacific halibut fisheries within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9).
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropA3</a>	Fishing Period Limits (Sect 14) & Licensing Vessels for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (Sect. 15) – Accommodation of the transition of management in the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A	To accommodate the transition of management in the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A from the IPHC to the PFMC and NOAA Fisheries (Sect. 14 & 15). <i>See more details in IPHC-2023-AM099-04 and IPHC-2023-AM099-INF03. This proposal will also have implications for sections the IPHC Fishery Regulations other than Sect. 14 &amp; 15.</i>
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropA4</a>	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments	To improve clarity and consistency in the IPHC Fishery Regulations.
<b>Contracting Parties</b>		
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB1</a>	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	<b><u>Proponent:</u></b> USA (NOAA Fisheries); 20 December 2022 To propose charter management measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A reflective of mortality limits adopted by the IPHC and resulting allocations under the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan.
IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB2	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B	<b><u>Proponent:</u></b> Canada (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) To propose the daily bag limit of up to three fish per day per person in the recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B.

<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB3</a>	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Onboard consumption	<b>Proponent:</b> USA (NOAA Fisheries); 20 December 2022 To propose adding flexibility to existing recreational (sport) Pacific halibut fishing regulations in Alaska Regulatory Areas and allow limited consumption of recreationally-caught Pacific halibut on board charter vessels and pleasure craft, while retaining existing regulations that provide effective enforcement of daily bag limits and possession limits.
IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB4	IPHC-2023-AM099-PropB4: Logs (Sect 20) – Logs requirements	<b>Proponent:</b> USA (NOAA Fisheries) To propose an update to IPHC regulatory language regarding the qualifying logbooks in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.
<b>Stakeholders</b>		
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropC1</a>	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Processing Pacific halibut for eating and preservation	<b>Proponent:</b> John Fields, recreational fisherman; 21 December 2022 To propose an exception that allows recreational fishermen in Alaska Regulatory Areas who do not return to port each day to process Pacific halibut for eating and/or preservation, subject to measures to facilitate enforcement of the applicable daily bag limits (Proposal No. 1); or exclude preserved and consumed on board fish from applicable possession limits (Proposal No. 2); or create a narrow exception that allows for limited processing of a single fish per day for consumption only (Proposal No. 3). <i>Proposal No. 1 was deferred by the Commission at the AM098 (<a href="#">IPHC-2022-AM098-R</a>, para. 84).</i>
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropC2</a>	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5) - TCEY floor in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A	<b>Proponent:</b> Patrick DePoe, Makah Tribe; 12 December 2022 To propose a constant TCEY floor in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.
<a href="#">IPHC-2023-AM099-PropC3</a>	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Onboard consumption in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C	<b>Proponent:</b> Tim Cooper, recreational fisherman; 8 December 2022 To propose adding flexibility to existing recreational (sport) Pacific halibut fishing regulations in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C and allow limited consumption of Pacific halibut on board of unguided recreational vessels.