



18 June 2019

IPHC CIRCULAR 2019-012

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE 2019 SESSION OF THE IPHC WORK MEETING (WM2019)

Dear Commissioners,

In accordance with Rules 6.5 and 8.1 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2019), I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2019 Session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2019), which will be held at the Hotel Bellwether in Bellingham, WA, U.S.A., from 18 to 19 September 2019.

A reminder that the Work Meeting is a closed meeting of the Commission, limited to Commissioners, advisors, and experts.

The provisional agenda is attached for your information. If you wish for any additional items to be incorporated into the agenda, please provide them no later than 45 days prior to the Session (4 August 2019), in accordance with Rule 8.2 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019).

Other information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published in the IPHC electronic briefing book as they become available, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the Session (19 August 2019), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019).

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Provisional: Agenda for the 2019 Session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2019)



**PRELIMINARY: AGENDA FOR THE 2019 SESSION OF THE IPHC
WORK MEETING (WM2019)**

Date: 18-19 September 2019

Location: Bellingham, WA, USA

Venue: Hotel Bellwether

Time: 18th: 10:00-17:00; 19th: 09:00-17:00

Chairperson: Mr Chris Oliver (United States of America)

Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Paul Ryall (Canada)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (C. Oliver)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (C. Oliver & D. Wilson)
3. **UPDATE ON THE ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM095)** (D. Wilson)
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2019): Preliminary** (D. Wilson)
 - 4.1 Staffing
 - 4.2 Meetings of the Commission's subsidiary bodies
 - 4.3 Canada: Interactions
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
 - Halibut Advisory Board (HAB)
 - 4.4 USA: Interactions
 - NOAA-Fisheries
 - North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)
 - Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC)
 - 4.5 Communications and Outreach
 - Website updates
 - Annual Report (2018)
 - Electronic communications (Circulars, News and Media)
 - 4.6 Publications
 - Peer-reviewed journal articles
5. **STATE OF THE FISHERY (2019): Preliminary statistics** (L. Erikson)
6. **STOCK ASSESSMENT**
 - 6.1 IPHC Fishery-independent setline survey (FISS)
 - Preliminary FISS results (2019) (L.Erikson)
 - Results of FISS expansions (IPHC Reg. Areas 3A and 3B) (R. Webster)
 - Methods for, and preliminary FISS rationalisation (R. Webster)
 - 6.2 Other data inputs (I. Stewart)

- 6.3 2019 stock assessment: update (I. Stewart)
- 6.4 Independent external peer review of the IPHC stock assessment (TBA)

7. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

- 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: Updates (A. Hicks)
- 7.2 IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB): Updates (TBD)

8. IPHC RESEARCH AND SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARDS

- 8.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board: Updates (D. Wilson/J. Planas)
- 8.2 IPHC Scientific Review Board: Updates (D. Wilson)
- 8.3 Five-year research plan and management implications: Updates (J. Planas)

9. REGULATORY PROPOSAL AND ADOPTION PROCESS FOR 2019/20

- 9.1 Presentation of proposals (S. Keith)

10. IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW: 2ND IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PRIPHC02) - UPDATE (D. Wilson)

11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 11.1 Budgets (M. Larsen)
 - 2018 AUDIT
 - FY2021 Budget development process
- 11.2 Building lease

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 Planning for upcoming IPHC meetings (S. Keith)
 - Agenda and schedule for IM095 (Seattle, WA, USA)
 - Agenda and schedule for AM096 (Anchorage, AK, USA)