

IPHC-2024-FAC100-03

Update on actions arising from the 99th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC099)

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PURPOSE

To provide the FAC with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period in relation to the direct requests for action by the FAC during the 99th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC099, January 2023).

BACKGROUND

At the 99th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC099), Contracting Parties agreed on a series of actions to be taken as detailed in <u>Appendix A</u>.

DISCUSSION

Noting that best practice governance requires the prompt delivery of core tasks assigned to the IPHC Secretariat by the Commission, at each subsequent session of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, attempts will be made to ensure that any recommendations for action are carefully constructed so that each contains the following elements:

- 1) a specific action to be undertaken (deliverable);
- clear responsibility for the action to be undertaken (i.e. a specific Contracting Party, the IPHC Secretariat staff, a subsidiary body of the Commission, or the Commission itself);
- 3) a desired time frame for delivery of the action (i.e. by the next session of a subsidiary body, or other date).

This involves numbering and tracking all action items (see <u>Appendix A</u>) from the FAC, as well as including clear progress updates and document reference numbers.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the FAC:

1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2024-FAC100-03, which provided the FAC with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the FAC during the 99th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC099, January 2023).

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Update on actions arising from the 99th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC099: January 2023).

APPENDIX A

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Action No.	Description	Update		
RECOMMENDATIONS				
FAC099- Rec.01 (<u>para. 8</u>)	<i>Financial Statement for FY2022</i> The FAC RECOMMENDED that the Commission NOTE the Financial Statement for FY2022, as detailed in paper <u>IPHC-2023-FAC099-04</u> .	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 116) The Commission NOTED the Financial Statements for FY2022 (financial period: 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022), as detailed in paper IPHC-2023-FAC099-04.		
FAC099- Rec.02 (<u>para. 11</u>)	Annual independent auditor's report (2022) The FAC RECOMMENDED that the Commission accept the independent external auditors report for FY2022 (<u>IPHC-2023-FAC099-05</u>), as per Regulation 14 of the IPHC Financial Regulations (2021), by consensus.	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed, IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 117) The Commission ACCEPTED the independent external auditors report for FY2022 (IPHC-2023-FAC099-05), as per Regulation 14 of the IPHC Financial Regulations (2021), by consensus.		
FAC099- Rec.03 (para. 23)	 FY2023 budget - update The FAC RECOMMENDED that the Commission adopt the amended FY2023 budget (1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023), as detailed in Appendix IV, noting that the amendments do not change the previously adopted Contracting Party contributions for FY2023: a) ADOPT the FY2023 budget (1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023), as detailed in Appendix IV, including contributions from the Contracting Parties to the General Fund as follows: i. Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$900,407 ii. U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$4,157,760 iii. U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US\$489,250 b) NOTED the extra-budgetary (IFCP Fund deficit) contributions from each Contracting Party for FY2023 as follows: i. Canada: 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): US\$127,848 ii. U.S.A.: 	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 123 & 124) The Commission ADOPTED the revised FY2023 budget (1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023), as detailed in Appendix XII, noting that the amendments do not change the previously adopted Contracting Party contributions for FY2023, as follows: i. Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$900,407 ii. U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$4,157,760 iii. U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US\$489,250. The Commission NOTED the extra- budgetary (IFCP Fund deficit) contributions from each Contracting Party for FY2023 as follows:		

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	 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): US\$127,848 	 i. Canada: 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): U\$\$127,848 ii. U.S.A.: 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): U\$\$127,848 		
FAC099- Rec.04 (<u>para. 30</u>)	Budget estimates: FY2024 The FAC RECOMMENDED that the Commission AGREE for the two Contracting Parties to engage in inter-sessional discussions over the coming months to adopt a budget for FY2024 and the associated Contributions. In doing so, the Contracting Parties may consult with, and have requested assistance from the IPHC Secretariat.	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 128) The Commission AGREED for the two Contracting Parties to engage in inter-sessional discussions over the coming months to adopt a budget for FY2024 and the associated Contributions. In doing so, the Contracting Parties may consult with, and have requested assistance from the IPHC Secretariat.		
FAC099- Rec.05 (<u>para. 35</u>)	<i>IPHC Rules of Procedure (2023) - Revisions</i> The FAC RECOMMENDED that the Commission adopt the International Pacific Halibut Commission Rules of Procedure (2023), as provided in <u>IPHC-2023-FAC099-09</u> , while taking into consideration any additional discussion at the AM099 on the proposed amendments.	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 132) The Commission ADOPTED the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2023), as provided in IPHC-2023-FAC098-09, and REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly, with the following amendments:		
FAC099- Rec.06 (<u>para. 36</u>)	Other business The FAC RECOMMENDED that the Commission AGREE for the two Contracting Parties to engage inter-sessionally to conduct a review of the budget and appropriations.	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 129) The Commission AGREED that the two Contracting Parties to engage inter-sessionally to conduct a review of the budget and appropriations.		
	REQUESTS			
FAC099- Req.01 (<u>para. 27</u>)	Budget estimates: FY2024 The FAC REQUESTED that the Commission NOTE the proposed FY2024 budget (financial period: 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024; <u>Appendix V</u>), presented by the IPHC Secretariat.	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 125) The Commission NOTED the proposed FY2024 budget (financial		

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		period: 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024; <u>Appendix XIII</u>), proposed by the IPHC Secretariat.	
FAC099- Req.02 (<u>para. 28</u>)	The FAC REQUESTED that the Commission NOTE the IPHC Secretariat proposed contributions from the Contracting Parties to the General Fund for FY2024 as follows:	Lead: Commission Status/Plan: Completed. IPHC-2023-AM099-R (para. 126)	
	 Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$1,019,947.68 U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$4,646,428.31 U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US\$513,712.50. 	 The Commission NOTED the IPHC Secretariat proposed contributions from the Contracting Parties to the General Fund for FY2024 as follows: Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$1,019,947.68 U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$4,646,428.31 U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US\$513,712.50. 	