



Update on actions arising from the 94th Annual Meeting (AM094)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during its 94th Annual Meeting (AM094: January 2018).

BACKGROUND

At the 94th Session of the IPHC, Contracting Parties agreed on a series of actions to be taken by Commissioners, Subsidiary Bodies, and IPHC Secretariat on a range of issues as detailed in [Appendix A](#).

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);
- 2) 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 [Appendix A](#)) from the Commission, as well as including clear progress updates and document reference numbers.

In addition to the action items detailed in Appendix A, at the 94th Annual Meeting the Commission also tasked the IPHC Secretariat as follows:

Stakeholder regulatory proposals

Para. 61. *The Commission **NOTED** that that a number of these proposals touched on issues raised by stakeholders in previous years and **DEFERRED** action on the following proposals to an IPHC Secretariat led working group, to include appropriate Contracting Party agencies, for further study with a view to investigating possible new solutions. For IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC2, in particular, the working group could consider annual limits and new technologies among possible solutions.*

- IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC2 *Preserving catch on private live-aboard vessels (A. Cooper)*
- IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC4 *Sport Fishing for Halibut - Cleaning Regulations (S. Riehemann)*

- *IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC6 Live-aboard processing exemption (D. Robertson)*
- *IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC Processing halibut greater than four filets (M. Cowart)*
- *IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC11 Long term storage aboard pleasure vessels (L. Thompson)*
- *IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC12 Long term storage on cruising vessels (W. Cornell)*

Progress: A working group met on 25 September 2018. Paper IPHC-2018-IM094-INF02 documents the history of existing regulations and provides comments from the working group on the deferred regulatory proposals.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2018-IM094-03 which provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during its 94th Annual Meeting (AM094: January 2018).

APPENDICES

Appendix A: [Update on actions arising from the 94th Annual Meeting \(AM094: January 2018\).](#)

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Action No.	Description	Update
RECOMMENDATIONS		
AM094– Rec.01 (para. 36)	Review of fishery goals and objectives: Commission directive The Commission RECOMMENDED that the draft goals, objectives, and performance metrics, as detailed in Appendix IV, IPHC-2017-MSAB10-R be used for ongoing evaluation in the MSE process, and that they may be refined in the future. The objectives should be evaluated in a hierarchal manner, with conservation as the first priority.	In progress: The MSAB is reviewing the goal and objectives for clarity and completeness, and will report revised goals and objectives at IM094 and AM095.
AM094– Rec.02 (para. 39)	The Commission RECOMMENDED that the IPHC Secretariat consider the setline survey WPUE grid across the fishery as well as other biological factors (e.g. habitat configuration, size distribution in the region etc.) and provide alternatives to the current management areas (e.g. biological regions), and that the MSAB consider additional ways to incorporate biological information into TCEY distribution procedures.	Completed: The SRB has reviewed the Biological Regions defined by the Secretariat and finds these Regions to be the best option for implementing a precautionary approach to the management of Pacific halibut (see paragraph 30 of IPHC-2018-SRB012-R)
AM094– Rec.03 (para. 44)	The Commission RECOMMENDED that long- and mid-term performance metrics for conservation objectives be considered in the MSE process for conservation objectives, and that short-term metrics be included for fishery-related objectives in the MSE process, via the MSAB.	Completed: The MSAB has incorporated these elements into its Program of Work.
AM094– Rec.04 (para. 89)	Evaluation of the IPHC's 32" minimum size limit The Commission NOTED report IPHC-2018-AM094-14, which indicated that the performance of the management procedure is dominated by management decisions other than the size limit, (e.g. removal of the size limit is likely to result in minimal changes in yield) and RECOMMENDED that the size limit remain unchanged.	Completed: No further action required.
REQUESTS		
AM094– Req.01 (para. 31)	Reports of the 10th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB10) The Commission REQUESTED that the MSAB look at SPR values consistent with recent estimated SPR values from the assessment model and lower. This would mean expanding the lower range of SPR values to below 40%.	Completed: The MSAB has incorporated these elements into its Program of Work.
AM094– Req.02 (para. 37)	Review of fishery goals and objectives: Commission directive The Commission REQUESTED that the objectives related to distributing the TCEY, as detailed in Circular IPHC-2017-CR022, be presented at MSAB11 for further stakeholder feedback.	Completed: The MSAB has incorporated these elements into its Program of Work.

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AM094– Req.03 (para. 38)	The Commission REQUESTED that the proposed TCEY distribution methodology of the Harvest Strategy Policy reflect an understanding of both stock distribution and fishery management distribution procedures.	Completed: The MSAB has incorporated these elements into its Program of Work.
AM094– Req.04 (para. 54)	Discussion paper: Frozen-at-sea exemption for head-on requirement (Sect. 13) The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat continue to monitor the volume of catch being landed as frozen head-off product. The IPHC Secretariat shall keep the Commission informed of the annual landings from this sector of the fishery.	Completed: This has been incorporated in the IPHC annual Program of Work.
AM094– Req.05 (para. 62)	Stakeholder regulatory proposals The Commission NOTED that the following proposals were more appropriate for action by the U.S.A. North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), and REQUESTED the IPHC notify the proponents that they should communicate their proposals to the NPFMC for its consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC3 For unguided sport fishing (P. Phillips) • IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC7 Eliminate the requirement for a CHP (S. Riehemann) • IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC16 Reduce daily bag limit for all anglers in Area 2C and 3A in times of low abundance (M. Grove) • IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC17 Recreational sport fishing only allocation (J. Kearns) 	Completed: Notifications sent to each proponent soon after AM094.
AM094– Req.06 (para. 64)	The Commission REQUESTED that an IPHC Secretariat led working group, to include appropriate Contracting Party agencies, review IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC8 over the coming year to determine how best to implement it effectively.	Completed: The IPHC Secretariat has determined that no changes are required to IPHC Fishery Regulations to accommodate the intent of this proposal, and thus it does not need to be re-submitted. There may be domestic regulatory issues with the use of pot gear contemplated in the proposal, which the IPHC Secretariat has referred to the appropriate Contracting Party agencies for comment.
AM094– Req.07 (para. 117)	IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) The Commission ADOPTED the revised IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) by consensus, and REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.	Completed: Published on 4 May 2018
AM094– Req.08 (para. 118)	The Commission REQUESTED the IPHC Secretariat review the IPHC Financial Regulations and develop suitable text for consideration at the IM094, which would permit the transfer of funds between the General and Supplemental Funds.	In progress: Will be presented at IM094 for consideration. See paper IPHC-2018-IM094-17.

Action No.	Description	Update
AM094– Req.09 (para. 141)	<i>Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 94th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM094)</i> The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC <i>Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2018)</i> no later than 28 February 2018, NOTING that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM094.	Completed: Published on 15 Feb 2018.