



IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the draft IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21) ([Appendix I](#)).

BACKGROUND

Commission: The Commission's annual cycle of meetings is built around the management needs of the Pacific halibut fishery. The IPHC Interim Meeting (IM) follows the completion of the commercial fishing period, and is timed to allow the IPHC Secretariat to incorporate data from that fishing period into the stock assessment and harvest advice for the coming season. The IPHC Annual Meeting (AM) is scheduled to allow harvest and regulation decisions to be made by the Commission and implemented by the Contracting Parties in time for the opening of the next commercial fishing period.

Subsidiary bodies: The Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), Conference Board (CB) and Processor Advisory Board (PAB) meet during the course of the AM. The Scientific Review Board (SRB) and Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) each meet at least twice during the course of the year, in a sequence that supports both their mutual collaboration and the timing of their advice for the Commission. The Research Advisory Board (RAB) meets in late February, when its members are best able to convene and consider the IPHC's scientific program.

DISCUSSION

Meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies are of interest to the Pacific halibut stakeholder community and the general public, and the publication of their schedule as far in advance as possible promotes enhanced meeting preparation and collaboration among stakeholders and partner agencies.

The draft calendar provided in [Appendix I](#) includes the dates and locations for meetings in 2019 and 2020. The following concerns regarding the 2020 calendar have arisen since AM094:

- Subsequent to AM094, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) announced dates for its January and December 2020 meetings that conflict with the IPHC's dates for the 96th Annual Meeting (AM096) and the 96th Interim Meeting (IM096). The NPFMC staff has indicated that the agenda for its December meeting can be adjusted to deconflict with IM096, but they are unlikely to be able to adjust their January meeting.

Suggested course of action: Leave the IPHC meetings as currently planned.

- The Commission selected Sitka, Alaska, USA as the location for AM096. The Secretariat has determined that it may be feasible to hold the meeting there, if adjustments are made due to space restrictions. If the Commission elects to hold AM096 elsewhere than Sitka, that decision should be made not later than November 2018 in order to contract for the

necessary meeting venue and food outlets, noting that the majority of restaurants are closed during that winter period.

Suggested course of action: Consider alternative meeting locations: e.g. Anchorage, Juneau, or Seattle. If the meeting is moved away from Sitka, we'd suggest holding the next MSAB meeting in Sitka, in May 2019.

SRB meetings in 2019: The SRB has also suggested a desire to swap its second meeting of the year, with that of the MSAB, in an attempt to provide greater opportunities for peer review of the assessment. This will be further considered prior to the AM095.

Dates for meetings in 2021 are proposed for the Commission's consideration. Note that the location for the 97th Annual Meeting (AM097) in 2021 must be selected in early 2019 in order to plan for the meeting and contract for the necessary meeting venue.

The draft calendar provided in [Appendix I](#) will be revised as directed by the Commission at IM094 and presented for consideration and approval at AM095.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2018-IM094-22, which provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21).
- 2) **DIRECT** the IPHC Secretariat regarding any specific changes to dates or locations for particular meetings, in order to allow time for adequate planning and preparation.
- 3) **DIRECT** the IPHC Secretariat regarding any other changes to the draft calendar, with a view toward approving it at the 95th Annual Meeting (AM095) in 2019.

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): DRAFT: IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21)



APPENDIX I
DRAFT: IPHC meetings calendar (2019-21)

Meeting	2019			2020			2021		
	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.	Proposed Dates	Location
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	95 th	28 Jan	Victoria, Canada	96 th	27 Jan	TBD, USA	97 th	25 Jan	TBD, Canada
Annual Meeting (AM)	95th	28 Jan-1 Feb	Victoria, Canada	96th	27-31 Jan	TBD, USA	97th	25-29 Jan	TBD, Canada
Conference Board (CB)	89 th	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada	90 th	28-29 Jan	TBD, USA	91 st	26-27 Jan	TBD, Canada
Processor Advisory Board (PAB)	24 th	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada	25 th	28-29 Jan	TBD, USA	26 th	26-27 Jan	TBD, Canada
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	20 th	27 Feb	Seattle, USA	21 st	26 Feb	Seattle, USA	22 nd	24 Feb	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	13 th	6-9 May	Seattle, USA	15 th	11-14 May	Seattle, USA	17 th	10-13 May	Seattle, USA
	14 th	21-24 Oct	Seattle, USA	16 th	19-22 Oct	Seattle, USA	18 th	18-21 Oct	Seattle, USA
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	14 th	25-27 June	Seattle, USA	16 th	23-25 June	Seattle, USA	18 th	22-24 June	Seattle, USA
	15 th	24-26 Sept	Seattle, USA	17 th	22-24 Sept	Seattle, USA	19 th	21-23 Sept	Seattle, USA
Work Meeting (WM)	--	18-19 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	16-17 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	15-16 Sept	Bellingham, USA
Interim Meeting (IM)	95th	25-26 Nov	Seattle, USA	96th	1-2 Dec	Seattle, USA	97th	30 Nov-1 Dec	Seattle, USA