



Implementation Notes: 2019 Regulatory proposals

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with the required '*Implementation Notes*' for regulatory proposals received by the IPHC Secretariat for preliminary consideration at the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094).

BACKGROUND

On behalf of the Commission, the IPHC Secretariat has received regulatory proposals for preliminary consideration at the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM094), as indicated in [Table 1](#). In accordance with the process established for handling regulatory proposals, the IPHC Secretariat has developed *Implementation Notes* for each proposal to aid Commissioners in their deliberations. These are provided under the discussion section of this paper and are linked through [Table 1](#).

Table 1. Regulatory proposals received from Contracting Parties and stakeholders by the proposal deadline of 28 October 2018.

Regulatory proposals for 2019		
		Sector (Region)
Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals		
IPHC-2018-AM094-PropB1	[None provided for IM094]	
Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals		
IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC1	IPHC Regulatory Area 2A TCEY (P. DePoe)	All fisheries (2A)
IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC2	IPHC Regulatory Area 2A quota program (M. Pettis)	Non-treaty commercial (2A)

DISCUSSION

OTHER STAKEHOLDER REGULATORY PROPOSALS

IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC1	IPHC Regulatory Area 2A TCEY (P. DePoe)	All fisheries (2A)
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The proposal suggests that the Commission adopt a TCEY each year for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A that produces an FCEY no lower than 1.5Mlb.

Suggested action:

- 1) The Commission should base any initial catch limit decision at a coast-wide scale, via the harvest decision table.
- 2) The Commission should then consider distribution at a Regional level based on the biological distribution of the species.
- 3) Allocation at a Regulatory Area level, as described in this proposal, then becomes the domain of the IPHC harvest strategy policy, and should be considered in that context.

The general movement patterns within the coastwide Pacific halibut stock, based on historical tagging experiments, result in Region 2 being estimated to receive net immigration each year. More recent satellite tagging indicates that Pacific halibut mix among individual IPHC Regulatory Areas within Region 2 during the calendar (and fishing) year. Therefore, given that Region 2 has comprised 23.1-24.6% of the coastwide stock over the last five years, from a biological perspective, the IPHC Secretariat agrees with the proposal that there would be no conservation risk if the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A TCEY were set at 1.5Mlb. Adopted TCEYs for Region 2 have ranged from 14.2 to 16.8 Mlb over the same period, such that a 2A TCEY of 1.5 Mlb would correspond to 8.9-10.5% of the Regional TCEY.

IPHC-2018-AM094-PropC2	IPHC Regulatory Area 2A quota program (M. Pettis)	Non-treaty commercial (2A)
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The proposal suggests a method for establishing an individual quota (IQ) system for the non-treaty directed commercial fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.

Suggested action:

- 1) The IPHC Secretariat recommends that the Commission not adopt this proposal at this time.
- 2) The future management of this fishery is an ongoing topic of discussion among interested parties.
- 3) The IPHC Secretariat notes that this proposal could be resubmitted in the future.