



2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02): Update

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the Report of the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02), and direct the IPHC Secretariat accordingly.

BACKGROUND

2018

At the 94th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM094 in January 2018, the Commission adopted Terms of Reference, criteria, process and budget to conduct the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC:

[Terms of Reference, criteria, process, and budget to conduct the 2nd Performance review of the IPHC](#) (Adopted 26 January 2018)

Also at the AM094, the Commission agreed to defer the 2nd IPHC Performance Review until FY2019 (1 Oct. 2018 to 30 Sept. 2019), due to budget limitations in the current financial year (para. 94 of [IPHC-2018-AM094-R](#)).

The “*Terms of Reference and Criteria to Conduct the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC*,” includes six specific criteria for the review. Criteria 1, “*Legal analysis of the Convention to ensure its adequacy relative to current global best practice principles of fisheries management*,” is the foundation element, upon which the rest of the review will rest.

2017

At the 93rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) in January 2017, the Commission noted paper [IPHC-2017-AM093-18](#), which outlined planning for the 2nd IPHC Performance Review, and provided the following direction to the IPHC Secretariat:

[AM093](#)–Rec.13 (para. 153) *The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise the draft performance review terms of reference and criteria to conduct the review, and implement the 2nd Performance Review throughout 2017, for presentation to the Commission at its 94th Annual Meeting in 2018.*

2014

In January 2014, the Commission issued a Progress Report, documenting the Commission’s response to the 1st IPHC Performance Review ([PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2012: A Progress Report](#)). At Interim and Annual Meetings since then, Contracting Parties have noted the status of implementation of each of the recommendations arising from the report of the 1st IPHC Performance Review.

2011-12

In response to calls from the international community for a review of the performance of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) agreed in 2011 to implement a process of Performance Review. The IPHC contracted with CONCUR, Inc., a U.S.-based firm, to undertake the review. CONCUR performed its work independently of IPHC Commissioners and staff, and concluded its report to the Commission in April 2012. In undertaking the Performance Review, the contractor relied on the following

approaches to assess the Commission's work and practices, track effectiveness, and gauge the need for revised approaches:

- 1) Conducting a set of 43 in-depth interviews with a representative and diverse set of stakeholders;
- 2) Observing the 2011 Interim and 2012 Annual Meetings and reviewing Commission background materials;
- 3) Reviewing practices at other regional fishery management organizations; and
- 4) Drawing on its professional judgment and experience.

In 2012, the contractor published a report outlining 12 recommendations (containing 39 parts) to improve the functioning of the IPHC ([McCreary & Brooks, CONCUR, Inc. 2012](#)).

DISCUSSION

In accordance with Rule 15 (Reports and Records) of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019), the final Report of the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02), IPHC-2019-PRIPHC02-R (adopted on 11 October 2019), was provided to the Commission via [IPHC Circular 2019-21](#) on 15 October 2019.

The report is available for download from the IPHC website: <https://www.iphc.int/> or directly at the following link:

<https://www.iphc.int/library/documents/post/iphc-2019-priphc02-r-report-of-the-2nd-performance-review-of-the-international-pacific-halibut-commission-priphc02>

The Panel for the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC is as follows:

- a) Chairperson: **Mr Terje Løbach** (Norway).
- b) Contracting Parties: **Mr Robert Day** (Canada); **Ms Staci MacCorkle** (U.S.A.).
- c) Science Advisor: **Dr Kevin Stokes** (New Zealand).
- d) Regional Fishery Management Organisations: **Mr Peter Flewwelling** (North Pacific Fisheries Commission);
- e) Regional Fishery Management Organisations: **Mr Jeongseok Park** (North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission).
- f) Non-Governmental Organisations: **Ms Amanda Nickson** (The PEW Charitable Trusts).
- g) IPHC Secretariat: **Dr David T. Wilson** (Facilitator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission **NOTE** paper IPHC-2019-IM095-16 which provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the Report of the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02), and direct the IPHC Secretariat accordingly.

APPENDICES

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