



DRAFT: IPHC meetings calendar (2020-22)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the draft IPHC meetings calendar (2020-22) ([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 decision support 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 adjacent to or during the course of the Annual Meeting. 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 of work.

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 enhances meeting preparation and collaboration among stakeholders and Contracting Party agencies.

The draft IPHC calendar provided in [Appendix I](#) includes the dates and locations for meetings in 2020 and 2021 approved by the Commission at its 95th Annual Meeting (AM095). The following changes, or potential changes, to the approved calendar have arisen since then:

- The dates of the 96th Annual Meeting (AM096) were shifted from 27-31 January to 3-7 February 2020 to resolve a conflict with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting dates. (See [IPHC Circular 2019-008](#).)
- At the 20th Session of the Research Advisory Board (RAB020) in February 2019, the board requested consideration of new dates for RAB021 and RAB022.

From [IPHC-2019-RAB020-R](#):

58. The RAB REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat consider dates earlier in February for RAB021 and RAB022 in order to enable better participation by current or potential RAB members.

The date for RAB021 (2020) could not be changed, but in response to the RAB's request earlier dates for RAB022 (2021) and RAB 023 (2022) are proposed in the draft calendar provided in [Appendix I](#).

- At the 2019 Work Meeting, the Commission discussed possible locations for MSAB015. The intention is to hold the meeting at a location in British Columbia readily accessible to stakeholders. A decision regarding the location for MSAB015 should be made not later than IM095 in order to allow adequate time for meeting planning.

Dates for IPHC meetings in 2022 are proposed in the draft calendar for the Commission's consideration. Note that the location for the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) in 2022, hosted by the USA, should be decided at AM096 in order to plan for the meeting and contract for the necessary meeting venue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2019-IM095-19, which provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the draft IPHC Meetings Calendar (2020-22).
- 2) **DIRECT** the IPHC Secretariat regarding any changes to the draft IPHC Meetings Calendar (2020-22), with a view toward approving it at the 96th Annual Meeting (AM096) in February 2020.

APPENDICES

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Meeting	2020			2021			2022		
	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.	Proposed Dates	Location
Annual Meeting (AM)	96th	3-7 Feb	Anchorage, USA	97th	25-29 Jan	Victoria, Canada	98th	24-28 Jan	TBD, USA
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	96 th	3 Feb	Anchorage, USA	97 th	25 Jan	Victoria, Canada	98 th	24 Jan	TBD, USA
Conference Board (CB)	90 th	4-5 Feb	Anchorage, USA	91 st	26-27 Jan	Victoria, Canada	92 nd	25-26 Jan	TBD, USA
Processor Advisory Board (PAB)	25 th	4-5 Feb	Anchorage, USA	26 th	26-27 Jan	Victoria, Canada	27 th	25-26 Jan	TBD, USA
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	21 st	26 Feb	Seattle, USA	22 nd	TBD	Seattle, USA	23 rd	9 Feb	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	15 th	11-14 May	TBD, Canada	-		-	-		-
	16 th	19-22 Oct	Seattle, USA	-		-	-		-
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	16 th	23-25 June	Seattle, USA	18 th	22-24 June	Seattle, USA	20 th	21-23 June	Seattle, USA
	17 th	22-24 Sept	Seattle, USA	19 th	21-23 Sept	Seattle, USA	21 st	20-22 Sept	Seattle, USA
Work Meeting (WM)	--	16-17 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	15-16 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	14-15 Sept	Bellingham, USA
Interim Meeting (IM)	96th	1-2 Dec	Seattle, USA	97th	30 Nov-1 Dec	Seattle, USA	98th	29-30 Nov	Seattle, USA