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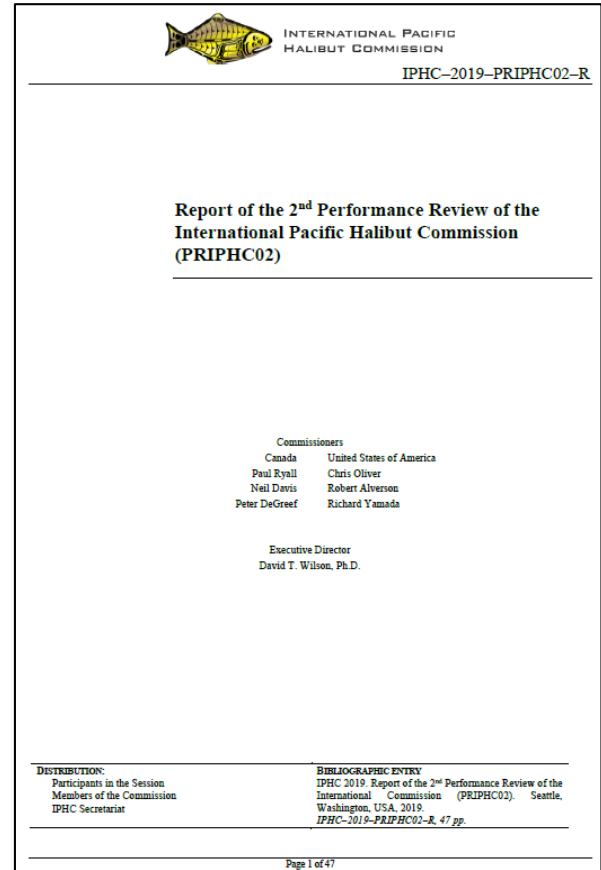
2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02)

Agenda Item 11

IPHC-2019-IM095-16

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

- 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](#)

- 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 PANEL

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).



PROCESS

The PRIPHC02 was carried out over the course of 2019 via:

- 1) Three face-to-face meetings:
 - one in Seattle, USA (4-6 June 2019);
 - one in New York City, USA (25 August 2019);
 - one in Ottawa, Canada (7-11 October 2019).

- 2) The Panel held several additional tele-conferences, both among themselves, and with stakeholders.

- 3) The meeting was also supported by Independent Legal and Science Experts who each dedicated additional working days to providing technical reviews and reports on specific components of the review criteria relevant to their areas of expertise.



PROCESS

The PRIPHC02 utilised documentation and presentations provided by the IPHC Secretariat, as well as feedback from Contracting Parties, Commissioners, and officers of the Commission's subsidiary bodies.

During each discussion with these various group representatives, the PRIPHC02 pursued three basic themes:

- a) Impressions on progress since the first review in 2012 (or, for those who may not have been engaged in the IPHC then, thoughts on engagement with IPHC to date);
- b) View of the current status of the IPHC and the support/functioning of the IPHC Secretariat;
- c) Thoughts about what is needed for the future of IPHC – from the Secretariat and/or other engagements.



REPORT

- 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>



FINDINGS

(para. 22) The PRIPHC02 **CONGRATULATED** the Commission and Secretariat for the positive strides in response to the first performance review.

Through the course of the consultations, document review and interviews, the panel saw consistent and significant improvements in transparency, availability and modernisation of documentation and background information, and heard resounding praise for this increased transparency and the movement away from previously “closed-door” and perceived “secretive” processes and decision-making.



PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDATIONS

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26 Recommendations in total

7 Recommendations highlighted by the Panel for special attention by the
Commission



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Legal analysis of the IPHC Convention

[PRIPHC02–Rec.02 \(para. 33\)](#) The PRIPHC02 **RECOMMENDED** to update the Convention, while in the interim period seek alternate mechanisms to implement international best practices and legal principles.



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Science: Status of living marine resources

PRIPHC02–Rec.03 (para. 44) The PRIPHC02 **RECOMMENDED** that opportunities to engage with western Pacific halibut science and management agencies be sought, to strengthen science links and data exchange. Specifically, consider options to investigate pan-Pacific stock structure and migration of Pacific halibut.



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Conservation and Management: Data collection and sharing

PRIPHC02–Rec.09 (para. 73) The PRIPHC02 **RECOMMENDED** that observer coverage be adjusted to be commensurate with the level of fishing intensity in each IPHC Regulatory Area.



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Conservation and Management: Consistency between scientific advice and fishery Regulations adopted

PRIPHC02–Rec.10 (para. 82) The PRIPHC02 **RECOMMENDED** that the development of MSE to underpin multi-year (strategic) decision-making be continued, and as multi-year decision making is implemented, current Secretariat capacity usage for annual stock assessments should be refocused on research to investigate MSE operating model development (including consideration of biological and fishery uncertainties) for future MSE iterations and regularised multi-year stock assessments.



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Conservation and Management: Consistency between scientific advice and fishery Regulations adopted

PRIPHC02–Rec.11 (para. 83) The PRIPHC02 **RECOMMENDED** that ongoing work on the MSE process be prioritised to ensure there is a management framework/procedure with minimal room for ambiguous interpretation, and robust pre-agreed mortality limit setting frameworks.



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Fishing allocations and opportunities

PRIPHC02–Rec.12 (para. 88) The PRIPHC02 **STRONGLY URGED** the Commission to conclude its MSE process and **RECOMMENDED** it meet its 2021 deadline to adopt a harvest strategy.



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International cooperation: Relationship to non-Contracting Parties

PRIPHC02–Rec.22 (para. 147) The PRIPHC02 **RECOMMENDED** that if the full range of the Pacific halibut stock extends outside the Convention Area, the Contracting Parties invite collaboration with all parties involved in the harvest of this stock, to ensure science and management includes accurate data regarding all removals from the stock.



ACTION

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.



NEXT STEPS

The Commission to consider how it would like to direct the IPHC Secretariat in terms of preparing for deliberations at AM096 (3-7 February 2020) on the PRIPHC02 recommendations.

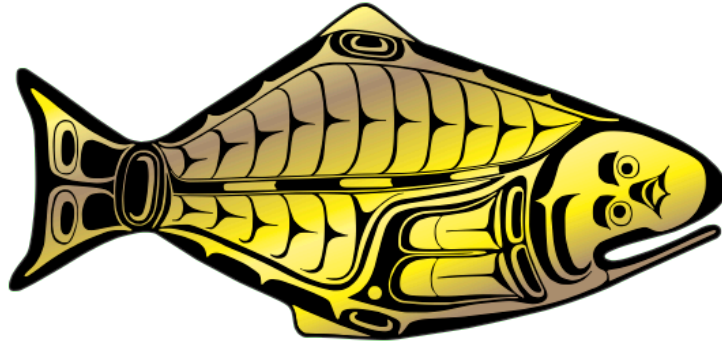
Option: a table to be prepared for consideration at AM096 which would include each recommendation, and proposed/draft:

- 1) responsibilities,
- 2) timeline,
- 3) priorities; and
- 4) any initial comments of relevance.

The intention could be for the Commission to review the table at AM096, modify and adopt a plan for implementation moving forward.



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