



Update on actions arising from the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097), and 2021 Special Sessions

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097), and 2021 Special Sessions.

BACKGROUND

At the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097), Contracting Parties agreed on a series of actions to be taken by Commissioners, subsidiary bodies, and the IPHC Secretariat on a range of issues as detailed in [Appendix A](#).

In addition, the Commission made a number of decisions during Specials Sessions in 2021, as detailed in [Appendix B](#).

DISCUSSION

Noting that best practice governance requires the prompt delivery of core tasks assigned to the IPHC Secretariat by the Commission, at each session of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, any recommendations for action are carefully constructed so that each contains the following elements:

- 1) a specific action to be undertaken (deliverable);
- 2) clear responsibility for the action to be undertaken (i.e. a specific Contracting Party, the IPHC Secretariat staff, a subsidiary body of the Commission, or the Commission itself);
- 3) a desired time frame for delivery of the action (i.e. by the next session of a subsidiary body, or other date).

This involves numbering and tracking all action items from the Commission, as well as including clear progress updates and document reference numbers.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2021-IM097-03, which provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097), and 2021 Special Sessions.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: [Update on actions arising from the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting \(AM097: January 2021\)](#)

Appendix B: [2021 Special Session decisions](#)

APPENDIX A

Update on actions arising from the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097: January 2021)

97 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097)		
Action No.	Description	Update
RECOMMENDATIONS		
AM097– Rec.01 (para. 87)	Commercial Fishing Period The Commission RECOMMENDED that further consultations between Contracting Parties and fishery stakeholders on the administrative and policy implications of a year round fishery would support the decision process for the 98 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098; January 2022) on potential further extensions of the direct commercial fishing period.	Lead: Contracting Party Heads of Delegation Status/Plan: Pending updates from CPs
REQUESTS		
AM097– Req.01 (para. 27)	IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat coordinate with Contracting Parties to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote data sharing among the IPHC Secretariat and Contracting Parties at no additional cost to the Contracting Parties.	Lead: IPHC Secretariat Status/Plan: In progress Current and Expired Memoranda of Understanding and Agreements are being reviewed. See paper IPHC-2021-IM097-04 All are available on the IPHC website: https://www.iphc.int/the-commission/cooperation-with-other-organisations The Secretariat also makes ALL data collected on the FISS available via the IPHC website. An example are the rockfish and other species data collected at a fine scale in Reg. Area 2B, which are now accessed directly by DFO, thus ensuring no additional costs to either Party.
AM097– Req.02 (para. 70)	Management Strategy Evaluation The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat consider and develop a draft MSE Program of Work for review by the Commission. The MSE Program of Work should describe technical versus policy-oriented issues, linkages between/among specific work products, and sequencing considerations between/among items. The MSE Program of Work should describe the resources required to complete items.	Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks) Status/Plan: Completed See paper IPHC-2021-IM097-13 Further refinements were made and presented to the Commission at the 11 th Special Session (SS011). See Special Session in Appendix B below.

97 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097)		
Action No.	Description	Update
AM097– Req.03 (para. 75)	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5) The Commission REQUESTED additional information on the management and data collection procedures used in the unguided recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A, and for these to be presented to the Commission no later than the next Interim Meeting of the Commission.	Lead: USA Status/Plan: Pending update from USA
AM097– Req.04 (para. 94)	Pacific halibut fishery economics update The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat develop and distribute a Media Release on the Fishery economic project and the associated economic survey for industry to complete.	Lead: IPHC Secretariat Status/Plan: Completed Media release published 16 Feb 2021. See IPHC Media Release 2021-008
AM097– Req.05 (para. 104)	IPHC Financial Regulations (2021) The Commission ENDORSED and ADOPTED the IPHC Financial Regulations (2021) as provided in paper IPHC-2021-AM097-INF04 Rev 3 by consensus, and REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.	Lead: IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson) Status/Plan: Completed Published 29 February 2021 IPHC-2021-FR21
AM097– Req.06 (para. 105)	The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat will undertake an inter-sessional review and recommend further improvements to the Financial Regulations of the Commission, including the basis of accounting to better align with GAAP standards while maintaining regulatory compliance.	Lead: IPHC Secretariat (with Sommerville and Associates LLC) Status/Plan: In Progress These will be provided at the FAC098 in January 2022 if identified as necessary for this year.
AM097– Req.07 (para. 106)	IPHC Rules of Procedure (2021) The Commission ADOPTED the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2021), as provided in IPHC-2021-FAC097-09 by consensus, and REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly.	Lead: D. Wilson Status/Plan: Completed Published 29 February 2021 IPHC-2021-ROP21
AM097– Req.08 (para. 107)	The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat undertake an inter-sessional review and recommend further improvements to the IPHC Rules of Procedure to the Commission, noting the CB's recommendation (to change when Chairs are elected in their rule), PAB noting the conflicting text in the Rules, and roles of the Commissions Secretariat.	Lead: D. Wilson Status/Plan: In progress See paper IPHC-2021-IM097-16 Includes amendments to the CB and PAB terms of reference.
AM097– Req.09 (para. 122)	Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC <i>Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2021)</i> as soon as possible, NOTING that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM097.	Lead: D. Wilson Status/Plan: Completed Published on 3 February 2021 (note SS009 additional amendment below)

APPENDIX B
2021 Special Sessions of the Commission

Action No.	Description	Update
10th Special Session of the IPHC (SS010) (8 January 2021)		
SS010– Req.01 (para. 8)	The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat make the adopted amendments to Section 28, paragraph (c) of the IPHC Fishery Regulations (2021), and for these to be submitted to the Contracting Parties after the current amendments (from AM097) are confirmed by both Parties. The expectation is that the amendments to Section 28, paragraph (c) would be in place prior to 1 April 2021.	Lead: D. Wilson Status/Plan: Completed The IPHC Fishery Regulations (2021) were circulated, approved, and then published on 22 February 2021.
11th Special Session of the IPHC (SS011) (22 June 2021)		
SS011- Rec.01 (para. 7)	The Commission RECOMMENDED that the IPHC Secretariat: a) prioritize tasks F1, F.2, F.3 and F.5 to support the development of a robust framework, and E.3 to work with stakeholders and the Commission to improve the methods of presenting MSE results. b) continue to work on task M.3 to understand the trade-offs with multi-year stock assessments. c) continue investigation of size limits (M.1) to understand the long-term effects of a change in the size limit, including under different realizations of population dynamics such as size-at-age.	Lead: A. Hicks Status/Plan: In progress See paper IPHC-2021-IM097-13 The recommended Program of Work for the IPHC Secretariat (2021-23) is available on the IPHC website and will be implemented accordingly. https://www.iphc.int/uploads/pdf/msa_b/tech/iphc-2021-mse-02.pdf
SS011- (Para.11)	The Commission ADOPTED the FY2022 budget (1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022), as detailed in Appendix IV, including the Contracting Party contributions to the General Fund as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$900,407• U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: US\$4,157,760	Lead: D. Wilson Status/Plan: In progress Both Contracting Parties were invoiced for FY2022 contributions on 21 September 2021. Contributions fell due on 1 October 2021. No contributions have yet been received as of the date of this paper.