



**Update on actions arising from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098),
2022 Special Sessions, and intersessional decisions**

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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.

BACKGROUND

At the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098), 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 a Special Session in 2022 (SS012), and an intersessional decision, 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-2022-IM098-03, 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.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Update on actions arising from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098: January 2022)

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APPENDIX A

Update on actions arising from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098: January 2022)

| 98 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) | | |
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| Action No. | Description | Update |
| RECOMMENDATIONS | | |
| AM098– Rec.01 (para. 69) | <p>Management Strategy Evaluation</p> <p>The Commission RECOMMENDED that an MSE agenda item be added to the upcoming special session to discuss and provide direction on elements of the MSE workplan, including distribution procedures to incorporate in the management procedures being simulated in 2022 and evaluated at the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099).</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Agenda: IPHC-2022-SS012-01</p> <p>Meeting page: https://www.iphc.int/venues/details/12th-special-session-of-the-iphc-ss012</p> <p>Report: IPHC-2022-SS012-R</p> |
| AM098– Rec.02 (para. 116) | <p>12th Special Session of the Commission (SS012)</p> <p>The Commission RECOMMENDED that the 12th Special Session of the Commission be held electronically in late February or early March 2022 and include the following agenda items: 1) FY2023 budget review and adoption; 2) Management Strategy Evaluation; 3) IPHC Fishery Regulations: Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) (IPHC-2022-AM098-PropB4).</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat & Commission</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Invitation: IPHC-2022-CR003</p> <p>Agenda: IPHC-2022-SS012-01</p> <p>Meeting page: https://www.iphc.int/venues/details/12th-special-session-of-the-iphc-ss012</p> <p>Report: IPHC-2022-SS012-R</p> |
| AM098– Rec.03 (para. 121) | <p>Length-Weight</p> <p>The Commission RECOMMENDED the adoption of the updated length-weight relationship as detailed in paper IPHC-2022-AM098-INF07, and its dissemination to the appropriate domestic management agencies.</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Published online 23 January 2022. In addition, the IPHC Pacific Halibut calculator was updated and is available for stakeholder use: https://www.iphc.int/management/science-and-research/pacific-halibut-length-weight-relationships</p> <p>Disseminated to appropriate domestic agencies via Secretariat@iphc.int on 23 January 2022.</p> |

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| REQUESTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AM098– Req.01 (para. 9) | <p>2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02): Implementation of recommendations</p> <p>The Commission REQUESTED that a ‘scorecard’ be added to the covering paper of the PRIPHC02 update paper, for future meeting documents. Mindful that a timeline to address the set of recommendations is by the end of 2024, the intention would be to better facilitate a discussion of progress and feasibility of the current set of recommendations.</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>See paper IPHC-2022-IM098-05</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>PRIPHC02 Recommendation</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Completed and/or annually ongoing</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In Progress</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pending</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>On-Hold</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>26</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | PRIPHC02 Recommendation | Status | Completed and/or annually ongoing | 17 | In Progress | 5 | Pending | 2 | On-Hold | 2 | Total | 26 |
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| Total | 26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AM098– Req.02 (para. 61) | <p>Management Strategy Evaluation</p> <p>The Commission RECALLED SS011-Rec.01 and REQUESTED that the current size limit (32 inches), a 26 inch size limit, and no size limit be investigated. to understand the long-term effects of a change in the size limit.</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Results investigating these three size limits have been presented to the SRB (SRB021) the MSAB (MSAB017) and are detailed in paper IPHC-2022-IM098-13.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AM098– Req.03 (para. 63) | <p>The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat work with the SRB and others as necessary to identify potential costs and benefits of not conducting an annual stock assessment. This will include a prioritized list of work items that could be accomplished in its place.</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>The Secretariat has discussed this with the SRB and MSAB, and outcomes are described in paper IPHC-2022-IM098-13.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AM098– Req.04 (para. 64) | <p>The Commission REQUESTED that multi-year management procedures include the following concepts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The stock assessment occurs biennially (and possibly triennial if time in 2022 allows) and no changes would occur to the FISS (i.e. remains annual); b) The TCEY within IPHC Regulatory Areas for non-assessment years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. remains the same as defined in the previous assessment year, or ii. changes within IPHC Regulatory Areas using simple empirical rules, to be developed by the IPHC Secretariat, that incorporate FISS data. | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Biennial and triennial management procedures have been investigated using constant TCEYs for non-assessment years as well as two empirical options for adjusting the TCEY in non-assessment years. Results are presented in paper IPHC-2022-IM098-13.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| AM098– Req.05 (para. 66) | The Commission NOTED that a distribution procedure is necessary to evaluate the size limit and multi-year assessment management procedures, and REQUESTED that a range of distribution procedures be used to highlight potential differences in the performance of size limits and multi-year assessments. | Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks) Status/Plan: Completed Five distribution procedures defining a potential future range of possibilities were defined by the Commission at SS012 (SS012-Rec.01, para. 10) and implemented in the MSE framework. |
| AM098– Req.06 (para. 68) | The Commission REQUESTED that work continue on methods to evaluate MSE outcomes, including providing new alternative methods to quickly evaluate large sets of management procedures, which may involve ranking them in various ways. | Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks) Status/Plan: Completed & Ongoing The Secretariat worked with the SRB and MSAB to improve methods to evaluate MSE outcomes. Various methods are presented in paper IPHC-2022-IM098-13 . |
| AM098– Req.07 (para. 73) | <i>Pacific halibut fishery economics – Project Report</i> The Commission AGREED that it wished to see the Commission improve its knowledge of key inputs into the Pacific halibut stock assessment and Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) processes, thereby providing the best possible advice for management decision making processes. Accordingly the Commission REQUESTED that no additional economic analyses be undertaken and that the Commission instead dedicate its efforts and funds to core areas of responsibility. | Lead: IPHC Secretariat (B. Hutniczak) Status/Plan: Completed |
| AM098– Req.08 (para. 105) | <i>IPHC Rules of Procedure (2022)</i> The Commission ADOPTED the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2022), as provided in IPHC-2022-FAC098-09 , and REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish them accordingly with the following amendments: 1) amend para. 1.a of the RAB ToR's to read as follows: <i>“1.1.a Suggest research topics to be considered for incorporation in the IPHC integrated research and monitoring activities, as well as to comment upon operational and implementation considerations of those research and monitoring activities.”</i> 2) retain para. 14 of the PAB TOR's: <i>“14. Conduct of meetings: Parliamentary procedure will be used in the conduct of the PAB”</i> | Lead: IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson) Status/Plan: Completed Published on 8 February 2022 via IPHC Circular (IPHC-2022-CR-001) Direct link to 2022 ROP: IPHC-2022-ROP22 |

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| AM098– Req.09 (para. 126) | <p><i>Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098)</i></p> <p>The Commission REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC <i>Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2022)</i> as soon as possible, NOTING that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM098.</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Published on 2 February 2022.</p> <p>Note: Revised on 3 March 2022 following the 12th Special Session of the IPHC (IPHC-2022-SS012-R)</p> <p>Direct link to 2022 Fishery Regulations: IPHC-2022-FISHR22</p> |

APPENDIX B

2022 Special Sessions of the Commission

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| 12th Special Session of the IPHC (SS012) (25 February 2022) | | |
| SS012-Rec.01 (para. 10) | <p>Management Strategy Evaluation</p> <p>The Commission RECOMMENDED the following five distribution procedures to be used in the management strategy evaluation of size limits and multi-year assessments, noting that these distribution procedures are for analytical purposes only and are not endorsed by both parties, thus would be reviewed in the future if the Commission wishes to evaluate them for implementation.</p> <p>a) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3A, relative harvest rates of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 3B-4, and no application of the current interim agreements for 2A and 2B;</p> <p>b) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3A, relative harvest rates of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 3B-4, and current interim agreements for 2A and 2B;</p> <p>c) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results with 1.65 Mlbs to 2A and 20% of the coastwide TCEY to 2B;</p> <p>d) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3, 4A, and 4CDE, a relative harvest rate of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Area 4B, and no agreements for 2A and 2B;</p> <p>e) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3, 4A, and 4CDE, a relative harvest rate of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Area 4B, and current interim agreements for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2A and 2B.</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (A. Hicks)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>These five distribution procedures have been implemented in the MSE framework for generating results in 2022 for final presentation at AM099 in January 2023.</p> |
| REQUESTS | | |
| SS012-Req.01 (para. 04) | <p>Budget Estimates: FY2023 (for approval)</p> <p>The Commission REQUESTED that a detailed breakdown of current Payroll Benefit Liabilities, proposed as current versus long-term liabilities, be presented for discussion at the Commission's September Work Meeting, by the IPHC Secretariat. Additional elements surrounding the Commission's movement towards being GAAP compliant (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) should also be presented (note that OCBOA - Other Comprehensive Basis of Accounting was historically employed by the IPHC).</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson, Sommerville & Associates)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>See paper IPHC-2022-WM2022-13</p> |

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| SS012-Req.02 (para. 05) | <p>The Commission REQUESTED that in accordance with the IPHC's inter-sessional decision-making process (Rule 11, paragraphs 4-10 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2022)), a further hybrid option between Options 2 and 3 from IPHC-2022-SS012-03 Rev. 1, be provided to the Commission for consideration and potential adoption that incorporates the following elements:</p> <p>a) Contracting Party base contributions to remain at FY2021/FY2022 levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada: US\$900,407 • USA: US\$4,157,760 <p>b) Budget reductions from the total operating expenses provided in Option 2 totaling approximately US\$75,000 (these should focus on reductions to Meetings and Conferences (electronic meetings for the Interim Meeting, MSAB in October 2022, and one electronic SRB meeting in 2023), Travel (COVID-19 savings or other as identified), Salaries and wages (as relates to a position that may become vacant in FY2023, and non-essential services where not fully cost recovered on a case-by-case basis); and</p> <p>c) An inter-fund transfer from 50-Reserve to 10-General, totaling the remaining budget shortfall of approximately US\$76,745. This component involves the utilization of the non-committed funds 'carryover' in the Reserve fund which stands at US\$1,476,626 (as of 1 October 2021).</p> | <p>Lead: IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Budget paper for decision provided via IPHC Circular on 7 March 2022: IPHC-2022-CR-006.</p> <p>The Commission subsequently reviewed and adopted the FY2023 budget on 16 March 2022 via IPHC Circular IPHC-2022-CR-007, the 'date of notification'.</p> |
| <i>Intersessional Decisions (ID)</i> | | |
| IPHC-2022-ID001: | <p>The Commission:</p> <p>a) NOTED paper IPHC-2022-ID001 which provided revised budget estimates for FY2023 (1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023) for approval, noting the outcomes of the 12th Special Session of the Commission (SS012).</p> <p>b) ADOPTED the FY2023 budget (1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023), as detailed in Appendix I [of <i>IPHC-2022-ID001</i>], including the Contracting Party contributions to the General Fund as follows:</p> <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 <p>c) NOTED the extra-budgetary (IFCP Fund deficit and Headquarters lease/maintenance) contributions from each Contracting Party for FY2023 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): US\$127,848 • U.S.A.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): US\$127,848 | <p>Lead: Commission & IPHC Secretariat (D. Wilson)</p> <p>Status/Plan: Completed</p> <p>Adopted on 16 March 2022 via IPHC Circular IPHC-2022-CR-007, the 'date of notification'.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US\$489,250 <p>d) AGREED that it would like at least one in-person/hybrid MSAB meeting in 2023. This could occur in mid-2023 or in the standard October time slot (October 2023). In doing so, the MSAB membership may need to be reviewed and travel expenses for non-government members capped.</p> | |