



IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2022-23 process

PREPARED BY: IPHC SECRETARIAT (B. HUTNICZAK; 28 OCTOBER 2022)

PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an indication of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted or indicated they expect to submit for consideration by the Commission in the 2022-23 process.

BACKGROUND

Recalling the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals submission and review process instituted in 2017, this paper is intended to provide an indication of the fishery regulations proposals being submitted to the Commission in the 2022-23 process.

Fishery regulations proposals from the Contracting Parties and other stakeholders are typically received later in the process, although proposals submitted ahead of the IM098 deadline are included in the full form. Proposals deferred in the 2021-2022 process are included by default unless withdrawn.

Note: DEADLINES: *The dates for submission of regulatory proposals for consideration by the Commission in the 2022-23 process are as follows:*

- 1) *98th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM098) is **31 October 2022***
- 2) *99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) is **24 December 2022***

DISCUSSION

A listing of the preliminary titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals expected to be considered as part of the 2022-23 process is provided at **Appendix I**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2022-IM098-14, which provides the Commission with an indication of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted or indicated they expect to submit for consideration by the Commission in the 2022-23 process.

APPENDICES

Appendix I: Preliminary titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals for consideration in the 2022-23 process.

APPENDIX I

Preliminary titles, subjects, and sponsors for IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals for consideration in the 2022-23 process.

Ref. No.	Title	Brief description
IPHC Secretariat		
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropA1	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)	To provide clear documentation of mortality and fishery limits within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5). <i>Mortality and fishery limits tables will be filled when the Commission adopts TCEYs for the individual IPHC Regulatory Areas.</i>
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropA2	Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)	To specify fishing periods for the directed commercial Pacific halibut fisheries within the IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9).
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropA3	Fishing Period Limits (Sect 14) & Licensing Vessels for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (Sect. 15) – Accommodation of the transition of management in the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A	To accommodate the transition of management in the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A from the IPHC to the PFMC and NOAA Fisheries (Sect. 14 & 15). <i>See more details in IPHC-2022-IM098-04 and IPHC-2022-IM098-INF03. This proposal will also have implications for sections the IPHC Fishery Regulations other than Sect. 14 & 15.</i>
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropA4	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments	To improve clarity and consistency in the IPHC Fishery Regulations.
Contracting Parties		
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropB1	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A	Proponent: USA (NOAA Fisheries) To provide charter management measures reflective of fishery limits for the recreational fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A.
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropB2	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B	Proponent: Canada (Fisheries and Oceans Canada); submitted 28 October 2022 To propose the daily bag limit of up to three fish per day per person in the recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B.
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropB3	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Onboard consumption	Proponent: USA (NOAA Fisheries); submitted 25 October 2022 To propose adding flexibility to existing recreational (sport) Pacific halibut fishing regulations in Alaska Regulatory Areas and allow limited consumption of recreationally-caught Pacific halibut on board charter vessels and pleasure craft, while retaining existing regulations that provide effective enforcement of daily bag limits and possession limits.

Stakeholders		
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropC1 Rev_1	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 29) - Processing Pacific halibut for eating and preservation	<p>Proponent: John Fields, recreational fisherman (submitted 30 August 2022; revision submitted 6 October 2022)</p> <p>To propose an exception that allows recreational fishermen in Alaska Regulatory Areas who do not return to port each day to process Pacific halibut for eating and/or preservation, subject to measures to facilitate enforcement of the applicable daily bag limits (Proposal No. 1); or exclude preserved and consumed on board fish from applicable possession limits (Proposal No. 2); or create a narrow exception that allows for limited processing of a single fish per day for consumption only (Proposal No. 3).</p> <p><i>Proposal No. 1 was deferred by the Commission at the AM098 (IPHC-2022-AM098-R, para. 84).</i></p>
IPHC-2022-IM098-PropC2	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5) - TCEY floor in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A	<p>Proponent: Patrick DePoe, Makah Tribe (submitted 28 October 2022)</p> <p>To propose a constant TCEY floor in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A.</p>