



Outcomes of the 99th Session Of The IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099)

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PURPOSE

To provide the MSAB with the outcomes of the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) relevant to the mandate of the MSAB.

BACKGROUND

The agenda of the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) included items relevant to the MSAB.

DISCUSSION

During the course of the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) the Commission made a number of specific recommendations and requests for action regarding the MSE process. Relevant sections from the report of the meeting are provided in [Appendix A](#) for the MSAB's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the MSAB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2023-MSAB0018-05 which details the outcomes of the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) relevant to the mandate of the MSAB.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Excerpts from the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) Report ([IPHC-2023-AM099-R](#)).

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Excerpt from the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099) Report
(IPHC-2023-AM099-R)

RECOMMENDATIONS

IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update

- AM099–Rec.02 (para. 76) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that for the purpose of a comprehensive and intelligible Harvest Strategy Policy (HSP), four coastwide objectives should be documented within the HSP, in priority order:
- a) Maintain the long-term coastwide female spawning stock biomass above a biomass limit reference point (B20%) at least 95% of the time.
 - b) Maintain the long-term coastwide female spawning stock biomass at or above a biomass reference point (B36%) 50% or more of the time.
 - c) Optimise average coastwide TCEY.
 - d) Limit annual changes in the coastwide TCEY.
- AM099–Rec.03 (para. 84) The Commission **AGREED** sufficient analysis has been completed and **RECOMMENDED** not to change the current 32 inch size limit.

REQUESTS

IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update

- AM099–Req.06 (para. 88) **NOTING** paragraph 60 from the 21st Session of the SRB (SRB021), the Commission **REQUESTED** the Secretariat develop a description of options to responding to exceptional circumstances that would trigger a stock assessment in non-assessment years and additional MSE analyses.
- IPHC-2022-SRB021-R, para 60: *The SRB RECOMMENDED that Exceptional Circumstances be defined to determine whether monitoring information has potentially departed from their expected distributions generated by the MSE. Declaration of Exceptional Circumstances may warrant re-opening and revising the operating models and testing procedures used to justify a particular management procedure.*