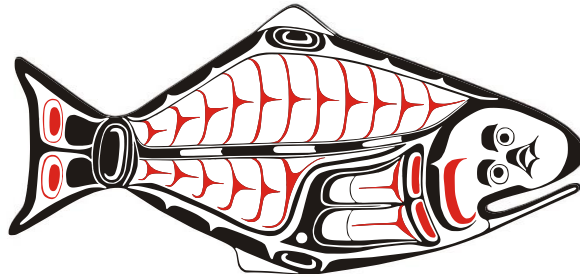


An introduction

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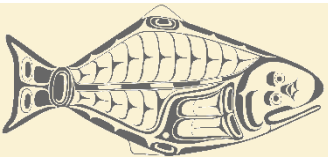


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Education

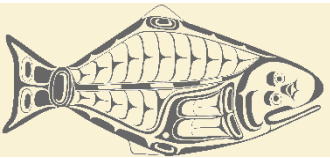
- B.S. in Fisheries (Humboldt State University)
 - Counted millions of salmon eggs
- M.S. in Statistics (University of Idaho)
 - Modeled hatchery salmon
- Ph.D. in Fisheries (University of Washington)
 - Utility of CPUE in assessing long-lived species

Some West Coast fishermen say they were
just getting me trained when I left for the
IPHC



Experience

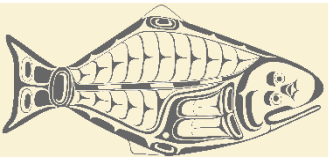
- Dock worker in California for two years
 - Unloaded groundfish trawlers, salmon trollers, and crab boats
 - Occasionally worked on my sea legs
- Assessment and modeling work experience since 2001
 - Deepwater and midwater species off New Zealand (NIWA & SeaFIC)
 - Groundfish species off the West Coast of the U.S. (NWFSC)



Why IPHC?

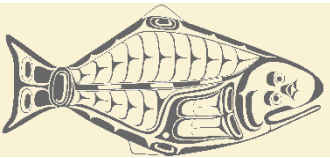
- I really like the MSAB group
- Ian Stewart enticed me with an opportunity I couldn't refuse
 - Long history
 - Incredible data
 - Great people to work with
 - Less government bureaucracy
 - Work on one species
 - Engaged stakeholders

Opportunity to work with dedicated scientists and engaged stakeholders on an important resource with a lot of data and support



Goals

- Apply novel methods to investigate harvest policies for Pacific halibut
- Work with stakeholders and managers to determine harvest policies that meet their objectives
- Learn more about North Pacific fisheries (especially Pacific halibut)
- Develop working relationships with people interested in North Pacific fisheries



Where are we starting from

- The MSAB and a stakeholder driven process
- A working procedure within the MSAB
 - Terms Or Reference, co-chairs, facilitator
- An outreach plan
- Familiar with the MSE process
- A lot of analysis work has been done
 - Defined goals for the halibut fishery and management
 - Development of objectives and performance metrics from those goals
 - Identification of some management procedures
 - Developed an interactive tool (the Shiny application)
 - Discussions about coast-wide and spatial models

