

## News Release



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### 2009 IPHC INTERIM MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Pacific Halibut Commission's 2009 Interim Meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington, on December 7 and 8 at the Hotel Deca, Seattle, WA ([www.hoteldeca.com](http://www.hoteldeca.com)). ***These dates are changed from the preliminary dates announced at the 2009 IPHC Annual Meeting.*** Rooms are available at \$89 per night (\$199 Jr. Suite) until Nov. 7, 2009. Please identify yourself as attending the 'IPHC Interim Meeting'. For reservations, please call (206) 634-2000.

On Monday, December 7, at 1:00 P.M. (PST) there will be a webcast briefing on the stock assessment and staff's preliminary recommended catch limits for 2010. **The webcast is open to the public.** However, in-person attendance at the meeting is still limited to invited agency personnel. Commissioners from each government determine attendance at the Administrative Session meeting (*December 7 session and research discussions on December 8 only*) and should be contacted for information and attendance requests.

There will be a public webcast presentation on 2009 research projects and proposed projects for the future on Tuesday, December 8, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. (PST). From 10:45 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (PST), the Commissioners and Commission staff will meet in private to discuss administrative and financial issues internal to the Commission. This portion of the meeting is for administrative purposes only, and not open to the general public or agency personnel. Results from the meeting, including staff assessment of the fishery and catch limit recommendations, will be released in a news release after the Interim Meeting.

Registration for the two webcasts can be found at:

[www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/meetings/im2009/im2009.htm](http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/meetings/im2009/im2009.htm)

### 2010 IPHC ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Eighty-sixth Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission will be held from ***Tuesday, January 26 through Friday, January 29, 2010.*** The sessions will be held at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront, located at 2100 Alaskan Way, in downtown Seattle. A block of rooms has been reserved for attendees at the hotel at a special rate of \$158 USD. This rate is available until January 4, 2010. For reservations, please call 1-800-MARRIOTT and refer to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (or "IPHC") block, or book online via a link on the Commission website: <http://www.iphc.washington.edu/halcom/pubs/annmeet/IPHCAM.htm>

The Commission will distribute a brief summary of stock assessment information and staff recommendations following the Interim Meeting on December 7th. This information will also be available on the Commission's web page at <http://www.iphc.washington.edu>. **Proposals for 2010 catch limit changes should be submitted to the Commission by December 31, 2009.** Current information regarding the 2010 Annual Meeting, including regulation and catch limit proposal forms, can be located by following the Annual Meeting hyperlink on the Commission's web site or by calling the IPHC office at (206) 634-1838. The Commission's web site will be updated regularly with new information as the meeting date approaches.

**The Commission invites the public to submit requests for 2010 regulatory changes (season length, clearances in Area 4, logbook reporting measures, etc) or management actions for review at the Annual Meeting. The deadline date for submission is November 2, 2009.** The Commission will not guarantee consideration of proposals received after this date. The submission form can be downloaded from the IPHC web site or can be requested by calling the Commission offices at (206) 634-1838. A summary of all proposals will be distributed to industry and will also be posted on the IPHC web site when available.

The 2009 IPHC Annual Meeting Schedule of Sessions and the corresponding meeting rooms will be released in December, 2009.

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