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### **COMMISSION RECEIVES REPORT OF EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND ANNOUNCES FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK**

In 2011, the International Pacific Halibut Commission contracted an external review of its structure and function under the Halibut Convention between the United States and Canada. This Performance Review was conducted by CONCUR, Inc. and the Commission has received the final report of the Review:

[http://www.iphc.int/documents/review/FINAL\\_IPHC\\_Performance\\_Review-April30.pdf](http://www.iphc.int/documents/review/FINAL_IPHC_Performance_Review-April30.pdf)

A public presentation of the report was conducted on May 7<sup>th</sup> via webcast.

The report identifies a number of recommendations to improve governance processes, increase transparency, and build on the strengths of the Commission to enable it to continue the sustainable management of the halibut resource. Planning and action on several aspects of these recommendations are already underway as a result of decisions made at the Commission's Annual Meeting in January 2012. The Commission's consideration of the report's findings will benefit from stakeholder's views and a public comment period has been established for this purpose. **The public comment period will extend to June 30 and comments can be submitted via email here: [Review@iphc.int](mailto:Review@iphc.int)**

Through the summer 2012, the Commission will carefully review the report taking into account the feedback received during the public comment period before developing a response to the Performance Review. This is expected to include identification of priority areas for implementation and opportunities for further stakeholder participation. Significant discussion on an Implementation Plan is expected to take place at the upcoming Interim and Annual Meetings in late 2012 and early 2013 respectively.

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