

News Release



2320 W. COMMODORE WAY, SUITE 300, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, 98199-1287

February 5, 2013

HALIBUT COMMISSION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ADVISORY BOARD

At its recent Annual Meeting, the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC, or Commission) advanced the development of a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) program for the halibut resource. The Commission approved the formation of a Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) to advise the Commission on the development and evaluation of candidate objectives and strategies for managing the fishery.

The Annual Meeting presentation and discussion paper on the MSAB can be found on the IPHC website:

- http://iphc.int/meetings/2013am/documents/P02_MSEFramework.pdf
- http://iphc.int/meetings/2013am/documents/3.4_MSAB_FL.PDF

The MSAB will be a cross-disciplinary group, with representatives from industry, science, fisheries management, and Commission staff. The Commission expects the MSAB to meet for the first time in May of this year to begin work on its first task of defining management objectives for the halibut resource. The MSAB will meet approximately twice each year, with some work and study continuing between meetings. At least one MSAB meeting each year will be with the members gathered in one place; others may be conducted via electronic means. Travel expenses for MSAB members will be paid by the Commission.

The Commission is accepting nominations for the MSAB until February 28, 2013, and the membership should be finalized by the end of March. Nominations should describe the nominees' qualifications for the MSE program, and their availability to attend MSAB meetings and participate in the board's work. The Commission desires members who can serve for a minimum of two years, and will manage the MSAB membership over time to ensure continuity while allowing for turnover in expertise and experience.

Additional questions can be directed to Dr. Steven Martell at stevem@iphc.int or (206) 634-1838 (ext. 7683) or Dr. Bruce Leaman (ext. 7672).

Nominations may be submitted to Dr. Leaman via email (MSAB@iphc.int), or mailed to the Commission:

International Pacific Halibut Commission
2320 West Commodore Way, Suite 300
Seattle WA 98199-1287
USA

- END -

Bruce M. Leaman, Executive Director
Phone (206) 634-1838
Fax (206) 632-2983
Web www.iphc.int