

## *News Release*



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### **CALLS FOR REGULATORY AND CATCH LIMIT PROPOSALS** **2014 INTERIM MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** **2015 ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

This IPHC News Release includes:

- *Invitations to submit **regulatory and catch limit proposals** for consideration at the 2015 Annual Meeting*
- *The announcement of the **2014 Interim Meeting**, including format changes for this year, and*
- *The announcement of the **2015 Annual Meeting***

### **CALL FOR REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR 2015**

**The Commission invites the public to submit requests for 2015 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 October 31, 2014.** The Commission will not guarantee consideration of proposals received after this date. The submission form can be downloaded from the Annual Meeting page of the Commission's website (<http://www.iphc.int/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting.html>) or can be requested by calling the Commission offices at (206) 634-1838. A summary of all proposals will be posted on the IPHC website when available.

### **IPHC ANNOUNCES THE 2014 INTERIM MEETING, WITH A NEW FORMAT**

**The Commission is testing a new public format for this year's Interim Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, 2-3 December.** Previous meetings were held in the IPHC headquarters offices in Seattle and, although the meetings have been webcast, the available space limited outside attendance to a small number. **This year's Interim Meeting will be held at the Hotel Deca in Seattle,** allowing the public to attend. The hotel is located at 4507 Brooklyn Avenue NE in Seattle, near the University of Washington campus.

All of the staff presentations and discussion will be open to public attendance. As in recent years, these public sessions will also be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The executive sessions and finance and administration sessions will not be open. The meeting agenda and webcast information will be posted at the IPHC website (<http://iphc.int/meetings-and-events/interim-meeting.html>). The webcast recordings and the meeting presentations will also be posted there following the meeting.

For those wishing to stay at the Hotel Deca, a block of rooms has been reserved at \$109 (Deluxe Room) and \$129 (Jr. Suite) for 1-4 December. Reservations for the Interim Meeting can be made by calling the Hotel Deca directly at (800) 899-0251 between 8 am and 7 pm Monday through Friday or 10 am and

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4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations can also be faxed to (206) 545-2103 or emailed to [reservations@hoteldeca.com](mailto:reservations@hoteldeca.com). To guarantee the group rate and room type please identify yourself as attending the IPHC Interim Meeting. *The room block rates will be available until November 1, 2014. Reservations after this date may not be accepted at the group rate.*

### **CALL FOR HARVEST ADVICE OR CATCH LIMIT PROPOSALS FOR 2015**

The Commission will distribute a brief summary of stock assessment information and the preliminary harvest decision table as soon as possible following the 2014 Interim Meeting. This information will also be available on the Commission's webpage at <http://www.iphc.int>. ***The Commission invites proposals for 2015 catch limits or harvest advice. Comments should be submitted to the Commission by December 31, 2014.*** A summary of all proposals will be posted on the IPHC website when available.

### **IPHC ANNOUNCES THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Ninety-First Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission will be held from **Monday, January 26 through Friday, January 30, 2015 at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia.** This year's meeting is scheduled to open on Monday with presentations on the fishery, the 2014 stock assessment, and the harvest decision table, and conclude on Friday with Commission approval of catch limits and regulations. **All public sessions and administrative sessions will be open to the public. These open sessions will also be webcast.**

A block of rooms has been reserved for Annual Meeting attendees at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel, located at 1128 West Hastings Street in downtown Vancouver. For reservations, please visit the meeting reservation site at [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=11203744](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=11203744).

The 2015 IPHC Annual Meeting schedule and the corresponding hotel meeting room locations will be released in December 2014. The most up-to-date information regarding the Annual Meeting can be found on the Annual Meeting page of the Commission's website (<http://www.iphc.int/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting.html>) or by calling the IPHC office at (206) 634-1838. The Commission's website will be updated regularly with new information, including the agenda and meeting reports, webcast information, and presentations, as the meeting date approaches.

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