

## *News Release*



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### **CALLS FOR REGULATORY AND CATCH LIMIT PROPOSALS** **2015 INTERIM MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** **2016 ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

This IPHC News Release includes:

- *Invitations to submit **regulatory and catch limit proposals** for consideration at the 2016 Annual Meeting*
- *The announcement of the 2015 Interim Meeting, and*
- *The announcement of the 2016 Annual Meeting*

### **CALL FOR REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR 2016**

**The Commission invites the public to submit requests for 2016 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, 2015.** 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. The direct link to the form is <http://www.iphc.int/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting/reg-proposals.html>.

### **IPHC ANNOUNCES THE 2015 INTERIM MEETING**

**The Commission moved to a public meeting format in 2014 and it will remain in place for this year's Interim Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-2 December. The 2015 Interim Meeting will be held at the Hotel Deca in Seattle, WA.** 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 to the public. 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 on the website following the meeting.

Parking is available at the Hotel Deca for \$8 per day (see the hotel front desk for parking payment). 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 (rate includes free parking). 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 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations can also be faxed to (206) 545-2103 or

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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, 2015. Reservations after this date may not be accepted at the group rate.*

### **CALL FOR HARVEST ADVICE OR CATCH LIMIT PROPOSALS FOR 2016**

The Commission will distribute a brief summary of stock assessment information and the preliminary harvest decision table as soon as possible following the 2015 Interim Meeting. This information will also be available on the Commission's webpage at <http://www.iphc.int>. ***The Commission invites proposals for 2016 catch limits or harvest advice. Comments should be submitted to the Commission by December 31, 2015.*** A summary of all proposals will be posted on the IPHC website when available. The form can be accessed here - <http://www.iphc.int/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting/catch-limit-comments.html>.

### **IPHC ANNOUNCES THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Ninety-Second Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission will be held from **Monday, January 25 through Friday, January 29, 2016 in Juneau, AK at the Centennial Hall Convention Center (101 Egan Drive)**. This year's meeting is scheduled to open on Monday with presentations on the fishery, the 2015 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 and posted on the Commission website.**

The Goldbelt Hotel (51 Egan Drive) has reserved rooms for \$139/night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly and identifying yourself as part of the 'IPHC Annual Meeting' at either (888) 478-6909 or (907) 586-6900. *The block rate is available through December 24, 2015.*

The Westmark Baranof Hotel (127 North Franklin Street) has reserved rooms for \$147/night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly and identifying yourself as part of block 'International Pacific Halibut Commission' at either (800) 544-0970 or (907) 586-2660 or online using the block code 'INTE012316' at <http://www.westmarkhotels.com/destinations/juneau-hotel/>. *The block rate is available through December 28, 2015.*

The IPHC has negotiated a discount (7%) on Alaska Airlines for travel to and from the Annual Meeting in Juneau between the dates of January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. To use the code please go to <http://www.alaskaair.com/planbook> and enter the code 'ECMW535' in the 'Discount Code' box.

The 2016 IPHC Annual Meeting schedule and the corresponding convention center meeting room locations will be released in December 2015. 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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