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### **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT IPHC**

The International Pacific Halibut Commission announces that Dr. David Wilson has become its seventh Executive Director, succeeding Dr. Bruce Leaman as of August 2016.

Dr. Wilson comes to the Commission from the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), where he served as Deputy and then Interim Executive Secretary. He has a wide range of experience in international and domestic fisheries management and administration with the IOTC and in various positions with the Australian Government. Prior to that, Dr. Wilson worked in fisheries science positions in Panama, American Samoa, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Dr. Wilson earned his doctorate at James Cook University (Australia) in 2001, in association with the Australian Institute of Marine Science and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

The IPHC thanks Dr. Leaman for his 19 years of dedicated service to the Commission in ensuring the sustainable and science-based management of Pacific halibut. He leaves a legacy of expanded data collection, innovation in assessment and scientific advice, standardization of operations, and sound fiscal practice, which have helped keep the IPHC in the forefront of fisheries science and management. Dr. Leaman plans to return to Vancouver Island, British Columbia in September. He may be contacted through the IPHC at (206) 634-1838 or [bruce@iphc.int](mailto:bruce@iphc.int).

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