



INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION 5-YEAR PROGRAM OF INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (2021-26)

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PURPOSE

To provide the SRB with the current draft of the new IPHC 5-year program of integrated science and research (2021-26)

BACKGROUND

The IPHC has a long-standing history (since 1923) of collecting data, undertaking research, and stock assessment, devoted to describing and understanding the Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) stock and the fisheries that interact with it.

The IPHC Secretariat conducts activities to address key issues identified by the Commission, its subsidiary bodies, the broader stakeholder community, and of course, the IPHC Secretariat itself. The process of identifying, developing, and implementing our science-based activities involves several steps that are circular in nature, but result in clear project activities and associated deliverables. The process includes developing and proposing projects based on direct input from the Commission, the experience of the IPHC Secretariat given our broad understanding of the resource and its associated fisheries, and concurrent consideration by relevant IPHC subsidiary bodies, and where deemed necessary, additional external peer review.

An overarching goal of the IPHC 5-Year Program of Science and Research (2021-26) is therefore to promote integration and synergies among the various science and research activities of the IPHC Secretariat in order to improve our knowledge of key inputs into the Pacific halibut stock assessment, and Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) processes.

DISCUSSION

The SRB is invited to again review and provide additional guidance to assist the IPHC Secretariat finalise the draft plan provided at Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SRB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2021-SRB019-10 which provides the current draft of the new IPHC 5-year program of integrated science and research (2021-26).

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): DRAFT: IPHC 5-Year program of integrated science and research (2021-26) (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)