



**DRAFT: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 9TH SESSION OF THE IPHC
SCIENTIFIC REVIEW BOARD (SRB09)**

Date: 27–29 September 2016

Location: Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

Venue: IPHC Office, Salmon Bay

Time: Varies. see Schedule below.

Chairperson: Dr Sean Cox (Simon Fraser University)

Vice-Chairpersons: Dr James Ianelli (NOAA Fisheries Alaska Fishery Science Center;
Dr Marc Mangel (University of California Santa Cruz)

Topics: Survey analyses, assessment development, research plans, bycatch limits, Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)

This SRB meeting is intended to provide a tactical review of IPHC staff science products by the **Independent Fisheries Science Experts**, for the upcoming 2016 stock assessment and management process. The meeting will include: preliminary results of the spatial modelling of setline survey data for use in 2016, a summary of data and stock assessment model development, an update on the commission's biological and ecosystem science research plan, a discussion of the ongoing efforts by the NPFMC to develop abundance based Prohibited Species Catch Limits, and an update on MSAB progress. These topics all represent additional work since the June SRB review.

The IPHC staff request that a short report to the Commission summarizing the meeting discussions and any conclusions reached be prepared by the SRB for presentation during the 2016 Interim Meeting (29-30 November 2016, Seattle).

Specific items that could be addressed:

- 1) Recommendations related to the spatial modelling for use in stock assessment and apportionment analyses for 2016.
- 2) Recommendations regarding further spatial assessment model development.
- 3) Stock assessment development and presentation for 2016.
- 4) Proposed October 2016 MSAB topics and results.
- 5) NPFMC working group analysis of abundance-based BSAI PSC limits.
- 6) Proposed research activities in the biological and ecosystem science program.

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1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
(Chairperson and IPHC Executive Director)
3. **METHODS FOR SPATIAL SURVEY MODELLING – RECAP AND CHANGES SINCE JUNE** (Ray Webster)
4. **EVALUATION OF THE BERING SEA DATA SOURCES AND TREATMENT** (Ray Webster)
5. **SPATIAL MODELLING RESULTS - ALL AREAS** (Ray Webster)
6. **DISCUSSION OF SURVEY ANALYSES AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016**
(Chairperson)
7. **PACIFIC HALIBUT STOCK ASSESSMENT DEVELOPMENT** (Ian Stewart)
8. **PACIFIC HALIBUT PRELIMINARY STOCK ASSESSMENT RESULTS** (Ian Stewart)
9. **DISCUSSION AND FINAL ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016**
(Chairperson)
10. **ABUNDANCE BASED PROHIBITED SPECIES CATCH LIMITS** (Allan Hicks)
11. **DISCUSSION OF ABUNDANCE BASED MANAGEMENT (ABM) TOPICS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016** (Chairperson)
12. **MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ADVISORY BOARD (MSAB): UPDATE** (Allan Hicks)
13. **DISCUSSION OF MSAB TOPICS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016** (Chairperson)
14. **BIOLOGICAL AND ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE PROGRAM RESEARCH UPDATES** (Josep Planas)
15. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 15.1 Upcoming meetings and schedule for 2016 (IPHC Executive Director)
 - 15.2 Date and place of the 10th and 11th Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board
(Chairperson)
16. **REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 9th SESSION OF THE IPHC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW BOARD** (Chairperson)

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Tuesday, 27 September 2016		
Time	Agenda item	Lead
11:00-12:00	Welcome lunch	
12:00-12:10	1. Opening of the Session	Chairperson
12:10-12:20	2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session	Chairperson and IPHC
12:20-14:30	3. Methods for spatial survey modelling – recap and changes since June	Ray Webster
14:40-14:45	Break	
14:45-16:30	4. Evaluation of the Bering sea data sources and treatment	Ray Webster
16:30-17:00	SRB closed session – Discussion and report writing	Chairperson
Wednesday, 28 September 2016		
08:00-09:00	5. Spatial modelling results - all areas	Ray Webster
09:00-10:00	6. Discussion of survey analyses and final recommendations for 2016	Chairperson
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-12:15	7. Pacific halibut stock assessment development	Ian Stewart
12:15-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-13:45	8. Pacific halibut preliminary stock assessment results	Ian Stewart
13:45-14:30	9. Discussion and final assessment recommendations for 2016	Chairperson
14:30-15:30	10. Abundance based prohibited species catch limits	Allan Hicks
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:30	11. Discussion of abundance based management (ABM) topics and recommendations for 2016	Chairperson
16:30-17:00	SRB closed session – Discussion and report writing	Chairperson
Thursday, 29 September		
08:00-09:30	12. Management strategy advisory board (MSAB): update	Allan Hicks

09:30-10:00	13. Discussion of MSAB topics and recommendations for 2016	Chairperson
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:00	14. biological and ecosystem science program research updates	Josep Planas
11:00-11:15	15. Other business	David Wilson
11:15-12:30	16. Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 9 th Session of the IPHC scientific review board	Chairperson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	