



INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC
HALIBUT COMMISSION

IPHC Advisory Bodies – Who Are They?

Conference Board

The Conference Board (CB) is an IPHC advisory panel representing Canadian and United States halibut fishers. The CB was created in 1931 to obtain recommendations from the fishing industry on conservation measures and halibut management. It is self-regulating in terms of membership and in 2011 there were 69 voting members. Its members are designated by unions, vessel owner organizations, and associations of harvesters throughout the halibut range and include commercial, sport, and tribal interests. The CB is co-chaired by U.S. and Canadian representatives.

Following staff presentations and proposals at the IPHC Annual Meeting, the CB meets separately from the Commission to discuss the proposals. Their recommendations are presented to the Commission for consideration at a later session of the Annual Meeting.

Processor Advisory Group

The Processor Advisory Group (PAG) was formed in 1996 and is composed exclusively of processors from both the United States and Canada. Membership has varied over the years and included 19 processors at the 2011 Annual Meeting. The PAG conducts a review of staff recommendations and supporting information, similar to that of the CB. The Commission hears the PAG recommendations as well as the CB recommendations at the Annual Meeting before setting regulations for the coming year.

Research Advisory Board

The Research Advisory Board (RAB) was formed in 2000 to provide advice to the Commission staff on its research programs and proposed projects. The RAB meets annually with the IPHC Executive Director and staff and is composed of active members of the fishing community who are interested in contributing to the direction of IPHC research. A report of the proceedings and recommendations is presented to Commissioners and becomes part of the research discussion at the Interim and Annual Meetings.

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