



Update on actions arising from the 92nd Annual Meeting (AM92) and IPHC work meeting (2016)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during its 92nd Session (2016) and additional requests made during the work meeting held in September 2016.

BACKGROUND

At the 92nd Session of the IPHC, Contracting Parties agreed on a series of actions to be taken by Commissioners, Advisory Bodies and IPHC Staff on a range of issues as detailed in [Appendix A](#). In addition, Commissioners made several modifications and additions to the action list during the annual Work Meeting, held in Bellingham, WA on 21-22 September 2016, which have also been included in [Appendix A](#).

DISCUSSION

Noting that best practice governance requires the prompt delivery of core tasks assigned to the IPHC Staff by the Commission, at each subsequent session of the Commission and its advisory bodies, attempts will be made to ensure that any recommendations for action are carefully constructed so that each contains the following elements:

- 1) a specific action to be undertaken (deliverable);
- 2) clear responsibility for the action to be undertaken (i.e. a specific Contracting Party, the IPHC Staff, an advisory body of the Commission or the Commission itself);
- 3) a desired time frame for delivery of the action (i.e. by the next session of an advisory body, or other date).

Initially, this has involved numbering and tracking all action items (see [Appendix A](#)) from the Commission in 2016, as well as including clear progress updates and document reference numbers.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2016-IM092-03 which provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission during its 92nd Session in 2016 and additional requests made during the work meeting held in September 2016.

- 2) **AGREE** to consider and revise as necessary, the actions, and for these to be combined with any new actions arising from the IM92.

APPENDICES

Appendix I: [Update on actions arising from the 92nd Annual Meeting and IPHC work meeting.](#)

APPENDIX A

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Action No.	Description	Update
92nd Annual Meeting		
AM92.01	Scholarship Committee: Commission approved scholarship of \$4k every other year; directed Scholarship Committee to work with staff on identifying alternative investment vehicles.	Completed. See paper: IPHC-2016-IM92-21
AM92.02	Budget carryover: Staff to draft a reference document describing how budget carryover is managed, including underlying rationale.	Completed. See paper: IPHC-2016-IM92-18
AM92.03	Carcass retention: Remove carcass retention requirement for recreational fisheries in Alaska from IPHC regulations.	Completed via adoption of the 2016 IPHC Regulations by the United States
AM92.04	Catch in 2B/2C: Send Commissioner Ryall the staff report on dealing with catch in the Area 2B/2C boundary area.	Completed 17 February 2016 via email communication to all Commissioners.
AM92.05	Decision table: Staff to prepare a one-page outline of the risk-based decision table (DT), how it is constructed, and how it is used in the Commission's decision making.	Completed. See IPHC-2016-IM92-INF01
AM92.06	NPFMC halibut management framework: Commissioners to provide comments to Executive Director on draft letter to Council concerning the Council's halibut management framework, for finalizing and transmission to Council, over Chair's signature.	Completed. Letter from Commission to the NPFMC Chairperson, Mr Dan Hull, communicated on 25 February 2016. Agenda and letter links
AM92.07	NPFMC-IPHC joint committee: Commission to move forward with NPFMC on forming joint consultative body via developing Terms of Reference and identifying items for highest priority discussion. Council and Commission Chairs to initiate next steps.	Ongoing: NPFMC formed Halibut Management Committee in Dec 2015 with 3 Council members and 3 US Commissioners. Committee met in April and October 2016. http://www.npfmc.org/halibut-management-committee/
AM92.08	IPHC MSE: Provide presentation on MSE/MSAB process to NPFMC at its April meeting.	Completed. April 2016 NPFMC meeting. Agenda item C8, HAL 16-004.
AM92.09	Charter halibut measures: Staff to communicate with NPFMC concerning the need for book-ended charter halibut management measures, to accommodate potential catch limits above and below the Blue Line numbers presented at the IPHC Interim Meeting.	Completed. IPHC Staff presented to the NPFMC in February 2016. Will be reiterated by IPHC Staff at the Charter Management Committee meeting in December 2016 when it considers management measures for 2017.
AM92.10	Bycatch reduction: For 2016 Interim Meeting, present breakout of success rate in bycatch reduction of A80 vs.	Pending. Will not be completed for

	other sectors in the Bering Sea by regulatory area.	IM92. AM92.17 work ongoing. A80 fleet has presented bycatch reduction efforts at AM92 and will again at AM93. IPHC has ongoing dialogue with A80 on deck-sorting EFP.
AM92.11	Tagging halibut: Staff to explore with NMFS Auke Bay lab the possibility of tagging halibut on the NMFS sablefish survey.	Completed. Conclusion is that this is not feasible with other tasking of NMFS staff.
AM92.12	Otolith radioactive markings: Staff to review literature and report back on any new radioactive otolith marking studies taking place, particularly any incorporating Fukushima radioisotopes.	Pending: Nil progress to date.
AM92.13	Sablefish pots: Staff to schedule review of retention of halibut in sablefish pots prior to 2018 Interim Meeting.	Pending: For completion in 2018.
AM92.14	16 % DMR: Staff to review basis for assigned 16% discard mortality rate used in directed fisheries (Note that this is part of the larger evaluation of DMRs that IPHC and NMFS staffs are working on).	Pending: Work ongoing and may be available for the IM92.
AM92.15	Nunivak Island: Staff to investigate alternative sources of information about halibut density around Nunivak Island. Staff to continue outreach with the Nunivak communities to encourage participation in the IPHC logbook program.	Ongoing: IPHC Staff have met with CDQ groups, most recently in April 2016. Improvements have been made. Group hired a larger, single vessel to fish CDQ in 2016. IPHC received logbooks, including some trips in traditional fishing ground. Data included in stock assessment.
AM92.16	IPHC Harvest Policy: Staff to continue with evaluation and development of a revised IPHC harvest policy, including target harvest rates by regulatory area, and assist the MSAB in focusing on harvest policy as a priority item.	Ongoing: Incorporated in the IPHC Staff program of work (2-years), endorsed by MSAB08. See IPHC-2016-MSAB08-11 .
AM92.17	Bycatch quantification: Staff to continue its work on: quantifying and assessing the impacts of bycatch by all sectors and areas on the halibut resource; pursuing the development of abundance-based bycatch management; and, advocating for increased monitoring and reduction of halibut bycatch in all areas and by all sectors, including the directed halibut fishery.	Ongoing: Both within the IPHC Program of Work and also a part of the NPFMC working group tasks.
Work Meeting (2016)		
WM16.01	Letter from IPHC to NPFMC: Draft a letter from IPHC to NPFMC on Halibut Management Framework and Abundance-Based Bycatch Management (ABM).	Completed. IPHC letter communicated to the Chairperson of the NPFMC, Mr Dan Hull on 27 September 2016.
WM16.02	MSAB Terms of Reference: The Commission agrees in principle to the MSAB Terms of Reference (ToR), and asks the MSAB to consider membership selection and term limits	Ongoing: The MSAB08 did not consider the TOR's further, given the broader review of the IPHC

	when it discusses ToR at the October MSAB meeting, with a view to Commission approval of the ToR at the coming Interim Meeting or Annual Meeting.	Terms of Reference (2014) being undertaken for the Commissions consideration at its 93 rd Session in 2017. See paper: IPHC-2016-IM92-20
WM16.03	Examples of consensus: Provide MSAB examples of how other organizations describe consensus decision-making, for the benefit of the MSAB's discussion of its ToR.	Completed: Options for consideration have been incorporated into paper 20. See paper: IPHC-2016-IM92-20
WM16.04	MSAB discuss ABM: The Commission asks that the MSAB become aware of the NPFMC's ABM discussion paper and the approach defined in the paper, and consider how the MSAB should address this piece of the harvest policy in the IPHC MSE process.	Ongoing: The MSAB08 considered this topic at its 8 th Session and will continue to monitor as appropriate. See paper: IPHC-2016-MSAB08-R
WM16.05	IM Pre-brief: Schedule the assessment pre-brief for the Commissioners on Tuesday 22 November at 2pm Pacific time.	Completed: Scheduled for 22 November 2016.
WM16.06	Additions to IM agenda: Add these items to the draft agenda for the Interim Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research program presentation - Consideration of the MSAB ToR - A place for new business - Performance review 	Completed: Added See paper: IPHC-2016-IM92-01
WM16.07	Requests for information: The Commission asks that this information be included in briefings at the Interim Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific survey results from Area 4C - The cost of adding extra or special survey stations to the survey - Information about other scientific review boards and how other fishery management organizations obtain scientific review of their work. 	Pending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be part of IM presentation and RARA report. - Analysis on more specific request completed. Currently discussing how best to communicate results with Commissioners and stakeholders. - This will be incorporated into the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (see IPHC-2016-IM92-15)
WM16.08	Requests for information: The Commission asks that this information be included in briefings at the Annual Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A review of the performance of the Amendment 80 deck-sorting Experimental Fishing Permit during 2016 - A description of the larval movement research project and its results to date. 	Pending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the AM93 in January 2013, NMFS will introduce the EFP and A80 representative will present details. They have both been notified and agree. - See IPHC-2016-IM092-11