



**DRAFT: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM093)**

Date: 23–27 January 2017

Location: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Venue: Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort

Time: 09:00-17:00 daily

Chairperson: Mr. Paul Ryall (Canada)

Vice-Chairperson: Dr. James Balsiger (United States of America)

Notes:

- *All sessions are open to public attendance by observers, with the exception of the Executive Sessions and the Finance and Administration Committee.*
- *All public sessions will be webcast. Webcast sessions will also take audience comments and questions as directed by the Chairperson of the Commission.*

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- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
- 3. UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 92nd ANNUAL MEETING, IPHC WORK MEETING and the 92nd INTERIM MEETING**
- 4. STATE OF THE FISHERY (2016)**
- 5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2016) & HARVEST DECISION TABLE (2017)**
 - 5.1 Stock assessment inputs (Spatio-temporal modelling of survey data)
 - 5.2 Survey expansion through 2019
 - 5.3 Stock assessment (2016) & Draft Harvest decision table (2017)
 - 5.4 Updated Pacific halibut catch tables (2017)
- 6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
 - 6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation update
 - 6.2 Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)
- 7. REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR 2017**
 - 7.1 IPHC Secretariat proposals
 - 7.2 Agency proposals
 - 7.3 Stakeholder proposals
 - 7.4 Stakeholder catch limit proposals

8. AGENCY REPORTS

- 8.1 Regulatory Area 2A (US west coast)
- 8.2 Regulatory Area 2B (British Columbia)
- 8.3 Regulatory Areas 2C/3/4 (AK)

9. IPHC RESEARCH AND 5-YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM

- 9.1 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program
- 9.2 Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (2016)
- 9.3 Report of the 18th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB18)

10. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 10.1 Financial Statement for FY2016
- 10.2 Annual independent auditor's report
- 10.3 Handling of the annual budget carryover
- 10.4 Proposed budget for FY2017, 2018 and tentatively for 2019
- 10.5 IPHC Rules of Procedure (2014)
- 10.6 IPHC Performance Review: Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1st IPHC Performance Review recommendations
- 10.7 IPHC Performance Review: Planning for the 2nd IPHC Performance Review

11. REPORT OF THE 87th SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB087)**12. REPORT OF THE 22nd SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY GROUP (PAG022)****13. IPHC COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH****14. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 14.1 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- 14.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2017-19)

15. THE PROCESS FOR 'REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM093)'

- 15.1 Draft: Report of the 93rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093)
- 15.2 News Releases: Content and schedule



**DRAFT: SCHEDULE FOR THE 93rd SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM093)**

| Monday, 23 January 2017 | | |
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| Time | Agenda item | Lead |
| 09:00-12:00 | Executive Session & IPHC Finance and Administration Committee: Closed session (<i>in Harbour Room</i>) | Chairperson and Executive Director |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch | |
| 93rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) | | |
| 13:00-13:15 | 1. Opening of the Session: Open session (<i>in Arbutus Room</i>) | Chairperson |
| 13:15-13:30 | 2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-01: Draft: Agenda & Schedule for the 93rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-02: Draft: List of Documents for the 93rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) | Chairperson & Executive Director |
| 13:30-13:45 | 3. Update on actions arising from the 92 nd Annual Meeting, 2016 Work Meeting, and the 92 nd Interim Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-03: Update on actions arising from the 92nd Annual Meeting, 2016 Work Meeting and the 92nd Interim Meeting (D. Wilson) ➤ IPHC-2016-AM092-M: Draft: Minutes of the 92nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM092) ➤ IPHC-2016-IM092-R: Report of the 92nd Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM092) | D. Wilson |
| 13:45-14:15 | 4. State of the fishery (2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-04: State of the Fishery (2016) (J. Goen) | J. Goen |
| 14:15-14:45 | 5. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2016) and harvest decision table (2017) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Stock assessment inputs (Spatio-temporal modelling of survey data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-05: Space-time modelling of IPHC fishery-independent setline survey WPUE and NPUE data (R. Webster) | R. Webster |

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| | 5.2 | Fishery-independent setline survey expansion through 2019 (R. Webster) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-06: Fishery-independent setline survey expansion through 2019 (R. Webster) | R. Webster |
| 14:45-15:30 | 5.3 | Stock assessment modelling (2016) & Draft harvest decision table (2017) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-07: Assessment of the Pacific halibut stock at the end of 2016 (I. Stewart, A. Hick & D. Wilson) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-INF01: Understanding the IPHC harvest decision table (I. Stewart) | I. Stewart |
| 15:30-15:45 | Break | | |
| 15:45-16:30 | 5.3 5.4 | Stock assessment modelling (2016) & Draft harvest decision table (2017) (cont.) Updated Pacific halibut catch tables (2017) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-08: Updated Pacific halibut catch tables (2017) (I. Stewart) | I. Stewart |
| 16:30-17:00 | <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 4 & 5)</i> | | Chairperson |
| Tuesday, 24 January 2017 | | | |
| 08:00-08:30 | Executive Session: Closed session (in Harbour Room) | | Chairperson and Executive Director |
| 09:00-10:00 | 6. 6.1 6.2 | Management strategy evaluation: Open session (in Arbutus Room) IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation update ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-09: An update on the IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (A. Hicks & I. Stewart) Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) ➤ IPHC-2016-MSAB07-R: Report of the 7th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB07) ➤ IPHC-2016-MSAB08-R: Report of the 8th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB08) | A. Hicks MSAB Co-Chairs |
| 10:00-10:30 | <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 6)</i> | | Chairperson |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break | | |
| 10:45-12:00 | 7. 7.1 | Regulatory proposals for 2017 Open session (in Arbutus Room) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-10: Regulatory proposals for 2017: IPHC Secretariat overview (J. Goen) IPHC proposals ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropA: Head-on landed weight requirement for the commercial fishery, including removal of the 24" head-off minimum size limit (IPHC Secretariat) | J. Goen J. Goen |

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| | <p>7.2 Agency proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropB: IPHC Closed Area - removal (IPHC Secretariat) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropC: NMFS - Fishing in Multiple Regulatory Areas in Alaska (NMFS-OLE, AK) <p>7.3 Stakeholder proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropD: Upgrade the US-Canada Treaty (J. Whitethorn) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropE: Drop the Blue Line (J. Whitethorn) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropF: Drop IPHC setline survey (J. Whitethorn) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropG: Closure of the Nursery Area (J. Whitethorn) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropH: Non-resident, self-guided sport same regulations as charter, other than need for a CHP (P. Ewing) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropI: Unguided sport same standards as CSP sectors (J. Kearns) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropJ: Elimination of Law requiring skin to be left on Halibut (J. Shirk) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropK: Allow filleted halibut in sport fishery (S. Reihemann) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropL: Charter Boat Trip Limits 3A – trips per season (M. Erickson) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropM: Charter Boat Trip Limits 3A – trips per week (M. Erickson) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropN: Guided Angler 3A Daily (M. Erickson) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropO: Clarify pot gear requirements (P. Wyman) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropP: Size Limit Clarification (P. Thompson) | <p>NMFS</p> <p>Various authors</p> |
| 12:00-12:30 | Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 7) | Chairperson |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30-15:30 | <p>8. Agency reports Open session (in Harbour Room)</p> <p>8.1 Regulatory Area 2A (US west coast)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR01: Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR02: NMFS Report: Report on the 2016 Pacific halibut fisheries in Area 2A ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR03: U.S. Coast Guard Enforcement Report (IPHC Areas 2A, 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E) to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (11th, 13th, and 17th Districts) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR04: NOAA-NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) West Coast Enforcement Division Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission | <p>Various agencies</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR05: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Summary of Washington Pacific Halibut Fisheries Management in 2016 ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR06: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW): Report on the 2016 Oregon Recreational and Commercial Pacific Halibut Fisheries and Economic Impacts of 2017 Catch Alternatives ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR07: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW): Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission on 2016 California Fisheries <p>8.2 Regulatory Area 2B (British Columbia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR08a: Fisheries and Oceans Canada 2016 IPHC Annual Report ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR08b: 2016 Canadian Recreational Fishery Halibut Catch Report ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR08c: Canadian report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission on 2016 halibut fishery enforcement activities | Various agencies |
| 15:30-15:45 | Break | |
| 15:45-16:30 | Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 8.1-8.2) | Chairperson |
| 16:30-17:00 | <p>8. Agency reports: Open session (in Harbour Room)</p> <p>8.3 Regulatory Area 2C/3/4 (AK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR09: North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC): Annual management letter (C. Oliver and D. Hull) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR10: Annual Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission from the Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IPHC-2017-AM093-INF02: A80 Bycatch reduction program update ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR11: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR12: NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement (OLE): Alaska Enforcement Division Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-AR13: Alaska State Troopers Department of Public Safety Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission | Various agencies |
| Wednesday, 25 January 2017 | | |
| 08:00-08:30 | Executive Session: Closed session (in Harbour Room) | Chairperson and Executive Director |

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| 09:00-10:30 | 8. Agency reports (cont.): Open session (in Harbour Room) 8.3 Regulatory Area 2C/3/4 (AK) | Various agencies |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break | |
| 10:45-12:30 | <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 8.3)</i> | Chairperson |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30-15:00 | 9. IPHC Research and 5-year research program Open session (in Harbour Room) 9.1 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science research program ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-11 : IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program (J. Planas) ▪ IPHC-2017-AM093-INF04 : North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES) collaboration 9.2 Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board ➤ IPHC-2016-SRB08-R : Report of the 8 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB08) ➤ IPHC-2016-SRB09-R : Report of the 9 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB09) 9.3 Report of the 18 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB18) ➤ IPHC-2016-RAB18-R : Report of the 18 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB18) | J. Planas R. Brown S. Cox D. Wilson |
| 15:00-15:30 | <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i> | Chairperson |
| 15:30-15:45 | Break | |
| 15:45-17:00 | 10. Finance and administration: Closed Session (in Harbour Room) 10.1 Financial Statement for FY2016 ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-12 : Financial Statement for FY2016 (M. Larsen) 10.2 Annual independent auditor's report ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-13 : Independent auditor's report (2016) (M. Larsen) 10.3 Handling of the annual budget carryover ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-14 : Handling of the annual budget carryover (M. Larsen & D. Wilson) 10.4 Proposed budgets for FY2017, 2018 and tentatively for 2019 ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-15 : Budget estimates for FY2017, 2018 and tentatively for 2019 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson) | M. Larsen |

| Thursday 26 January 2017 | | |
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| 08:00-08:30 | Executive Session: Closed session (in Harbour Room) | Chairperson and Executive Director |
| 09:00-09:30 | 11. Report of the 87 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB087) Open session (in Arbutus Room) ➤ IPHC-2017-CB087-R: Report of the 87th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB087) | CB Chairperson |
| 09:30-10:00 | 12. Report of the 22 nd Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Group (PAG022) ➤ IPHC-2017-PAG022-R: Report of the 22nd Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Group (PAG022) | PAG Chairperson |
| 10:00-10:30 | Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 11 & 12) | Chairperson |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break | |
| 10:45-12:30 | 7. Regulatory proposals for 2017 (cont.) 7.4 Stakeholder catch limit proposals ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-PropQ: Stakeholder catch limit proposals (IPHC Secretariat) | J. Goen |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30-15:30 (in Arbutus Room) | 10. Finance and administration: Open Session (cont.) 10.5 IPHC Rules of Procedure (2014) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-16: Amendment of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2014) (D. Wilson) 10.6 Performance Review: Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1 st IPHC Performance Review recommendations ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-17: Update on progress regarding the implementation of the 1st IPHC Performance Review recommendations (S. Keith & D. Wilson) 10.7 Performance Review: Planning for the 2 nd IPHC Performance Review ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-18: Planning for the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (D. Wilson & S. Keith) | D. Wilson S. Keith D. Wilson |
| 15:30-15:45 | Break | |
| 15:45-16:30 | 13. IPHC communications & outreach: Open session (in Arbutus Room) ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-19: IPHC communications – Website review (K. Jernigan & S. Keith) | K. Jernigan & S. Keith |
| 16:30-17:00 | Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 10, 13) | Chairperson |

| Friday 27 January 2017 | | |
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| 08:00-09:00 | Executive Session: Closed session (<i>in Arbutus Room</i>) | Chairperson and ED |
| 09:30-12:00 | Revisit and approve/not approve/defer: Open session (<i>in Arbutus Room</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch limits for 2017 • Regulatory Proposals • Other actions as necessary | Chairperson |
| 12:00-12:30 | <i>Final public comment Session (all agenda items)</i> | Chairperson |
| 12:30-13:00 | 14. Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.1 Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson 14.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2017-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IPHC-2017-AM093-20: IPHC meetings calendar (2017-19) (S. Keith) | Chairperson S. Keith |
| 13:00-13:30 | 15. The process for 'Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 93 rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093)' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.1 Draft: Report of the 93rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) 15.2 News Releases: Content and schedule | Chairperson D. Wilson S. Keith |