



IPHC meetings calendar (2018-20)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider the draft IPHC meetings calendar for the period 2018-20 ([Appendix I](#)).

BACKGROUND

Commission: The Commission's annual cycle of meetings is built around the management needs of the Pacific halibut fishery. The IPHC Interim Meeting (IM) follows the completion of the commercial fishing season, and is timed to allow the IPHC staff to incorporate data from that season into the stock assessment and harvest advice for the coming season. The IPHC Annual Meeting (AM) is scheduled to allow harvest and regulation decisions to be made by the Commission and implemented by the Contracting Parties in time for the opening of the next commercial fishing season.

Subsidiary bodies: The Conference Board (CB) and Processor Advisory Board (PAB) meet during the course of the AM each year. The Scientific Review Board (SRB) and Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) each meet at least twice during the course of the year, in a sequence that supports both their mutual collaboration and the timing of their advice for the Commission. The Research Advisory Board (RAB) will meet next in February 2018, when its members are best able to convene and consider the IPHC's scientific program. This is a change from previous years, when it generally met in November. The Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) meet the morning before the commencement of the AM each year.

DISCUSSION

Meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies are of interest to the community and the public, and the publication of their schedule as far in advance as possible promotes improved governance and collaboration.

In addition, the dates and location for the 96th Annual Meeting (AM096) in 2020 must be selected in early 2018 in order to plan for the meeting and contract for the necessary meeting facilities.

Interim Meeting: In recent years, the Interim Meeting has been scheduled after the US Thanksgiving holiday (late November) and before the December North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) meeting. This timing works well for the IPHC Secretariat, as it allows enough time to complete the stock assessment before the Interim Meeting and for the results to be published before the NPFMC meeting, when the NPFMC approves its recommendations to the IPHC. This Interim Meeting timing also supports the customary December meeting dates of a number of other Pacific halibut stakeholder organizations, at which they prepare their positions for the IPHC Annual Meeting.

In some years the Interim Meeting has been held as early as the week of the USA Thanksgiving holiday, which the Commission has found less desirable because of the reduced time available

for assessment and the difficulty of traveling during that week. This may be necessary for the 2019 Interim Meeting (IM095) because of the late date of the US holiday (28 Nov 2019) and the early date of the NPFMC meeting (tentatively scheduled for 2-10 Dec 2019).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Commission:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2018-AM094-22, which provides the Commission with an opportunity to consider the annual IPHC meetings calendar (2018-20).
- 2) **ENDORSE** the IPHC meeting calendar for implementation by the IPHC Secretariat.

APPENDICES

[Appendix I](#): DRAFT: IPHC meetings calendar (2018-20)



APPENDIX I
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Meeting	2018			2019			2020		
	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location
Annual Meeting (AM)	94 th	22-26 Jan	Portland, USA	95 th	28 Jan-1 Feb	Victoria, Canada	96 th	27-31 Jan	TBD, USA
Conference Board (CB)	88 th	23-24 Jan	Portland, USA	89 th	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada	90 th	28-29 Jan	TBD, USA
Processor Advisory Board (PAB)	23 rd	23-24 Jan	Portland, USA	24 th	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada	25 th	28-29 Jan	TBD, USA
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	94 th	22 Jan	Portland, USA	95 th	28 Jan	Victoria, Canada	96 th	27 Jan	TBD, USA
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	12 th	19-21 June	Seattle, USA	14 th	18-20 June	Seattle, USA	15 th	23-25 June	Seattle, USA
	13 th	25-27 Sept	Seattle, USA	15 th	24-26 Sept	Seattle, USA	16 th	22-24 Sept	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	11 th	7-10 May	Seattle or Sitka, USA	13 th	6-9 May	Seattle or TBD, USA	14 th	11-14 May	Seattle or TBD, USA
	12 th	15-18 Oct	Seattle or TBD, USA	14 th	21-24 Oct	Seattle or TBD, USA	15 th	19-22 Oct	Seattle or TBD, USA
Work Meeting (WM)	--	19-20 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	18-19 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	16-17 Sept	Bellingham, USA
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	20 th	28 Feb	Seattle, USA	21 st	27 Feb	Seattle, USA	22 nd	26 Feb	Seattle, USA
Interim Meeting (IM)	94 th	27-28 Nov	Seattle, USA	95 th	25-26 Nov	Seattle, USA	96 th	1-2 Dec	Seattle, USA