2018 REPORT OF ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (RARA)

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PURPOSE
To provide a reference document for those wishing to relate the new information sharing processes, with those previously contained within the IPHC Report of Assessment and Research Activities (RARA).

BACKGROUND
The IPHC Report of Assessment and Research Activities (RARA) was intended to supply progress reports on current projects and monitoring that are underway at the IPHC. In past years, this document included fishery information, monitoring activities, stock assessment, and research reports about the previous year’s activities, which are now provided as detailed papers for the Annual Meeting. This allows us to update our documents in real time as data become available, ensuring that Commissioners and stakeholders have access to the most recent information possible for the decision-making process at the Annual Meeting. Throughout 2018, we integrated the remaining RARA material into the new IPHC Science and Research pages of the website, where it can be updated in near real time, thus eliminating the need for future compendiums of this nature.

DISCUSSION
For AM095, the RARA is provided as an Information Paper only (this document), and consists of a hyperlinked table of contents (Appendix I). All relevant documents are now incorporated as Annual Meeting papers, or as live documents on the research pages of the IPHC website.

Thus, the RARA has been discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION
That readers of the RARA become familiar with the new Compendium of relevant documents for each meeting, provided as document ‘00’ on the IPHC website:

IPHC-2019-AM095-00: IPHC Annual Meeting (AM095) - A Collection of Published Meeting Documents (formerly the BLUE BOOK and RARA)

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