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(AM097) – *Compendium of meeting documents***

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**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM097)**

Date: 25-29 January 2021
Location: Electronic
Venue: Electronic platform
Time: 25 Jan: 12:30-17:30;
26-29 Jan: 09:00-17:00 daily
Chairperson: Mr Paul Ryall (Canada)
Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Chris Oliver (USA)

Notes:

- **Document deadline:** 26 December 2020 (30 days prior to the opening of the Session)
- All sessions are open to observers and the general public, unless the Commission specifically decides otherwise.
- All open sessions will be webcast. Webcast sessions will also take audience comments and questions as directed by the Chairperson of the Commission.

**AGENDA FOR THE 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM097)**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
(Chairperson)
3. **UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 96th SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM096), 96th SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM096), AND 2020 INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS** (D. Wilson)
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2020)** (D. Wilson)
5. **STATE OF THE FISHERY (2020)** (L. Erikson)
6. **STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2020) & HARVEST DECISION TABLE (2021)**
 - 6.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design, implementation and implications (2020) (L. Erikson)
 - 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; FISS expansion results, etc.) (R. Webster) (R. Webster)
 - 6.3 FISS Rationalisation (2021-23) (R. Webster)
 - 6.4 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2020), and harvest decision table (2021) (I. Stewart)
 - 6.5 Pacific halibut mortality projections using the IPHC mortality projection tool (2021) (I. Stewart)

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- 6.6 Size limit review (I. Stewart)
- 7. IPHC SCIENCE AND RESEARCH**
- 7.1 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Plan (2017-21): update (J. Planas)
- 8. REPORT OF THE 21st SESSION OF THE IPHC RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB020)** (J. Planas)
- 9. REPORTS OF THE IPHC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW BOARD** (S. Cox)
- 10. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
- 10.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks)
- 10.2 Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB Co-Chairpersons)
- 11. IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020/21 PROCESS**
- 11.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals (L. Erikson)
- 11.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals (Contracting Parties)
- 11.3 Other Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals (Stakeholders)
- 11.4 Stakeholder statements (L. Erikson)
- 12. CONTRACTING PARTY NATIONAL REPORTS**
- 12.1 Canada (TBA)
- 12.2 United States of America (TBA)
- 13. REPORT OF THE 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (FAC097)** (D. Wilson)
- 14. 2ND IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PRIPHC02): IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS** (D. Wilson)
- 15. REPORT OF THE 91st SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB091)** (CB Co-Chairpersons)
- 16. REPORT OF THE 26th SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY BOARD (PAB026)** (PAB Chairperson)
- 17. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 17.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2021-23) (D. Wilson)
- 17.2 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (D. Wilson)
- 18. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM097)** (Chairperson)



**SCHEDULE FOR THE 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM097)**

Monday, 25 January 2021		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097): <u>Virtual Room link:</u> TBA		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
12:30-12:40	1. Opening of the Session	P. Ryall
12:40-12:50	2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-01: Agenda & Schedule for the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-02: List of Documents for the 97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097)	P. Ryall (D. Wilson)
12:50-13:10	3. Update on actions arising from the 96 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM096), 96 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM096) and 2020 Intersessional decisions ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-03: Update on actions arising from the 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM096), 96th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM096) and 2020 Intersessional decisions ➤ IPHC-2020-IM096-R: Report of the 96th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM096)	D. Wilson
13:10-13:25	4. Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2020) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-04: Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2020)	D. Wilson
13:25-13:45	5. State of the Fishery (2020) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-05: State of the Fishery (2020)	L. Erikson
13:45-14:10	6. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2020) and harvest decision table (2021) 6.1 IPHC Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design, implementation and implications (2020) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-06: IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design, implementation and implications (2020)	L. Erikson

14:10-15:00	6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; FISS expansion results, etc.) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-07: Space-time modelling of survey data 6.3 FISS Rationalisation (2021-23) (R. Webster) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-08: Review: Rationalisation of the FISS following the 2014-19 expansion series	R. Webster
15:00-15:30	6.4 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2020), and harvest decision table (2021) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-09: Stock Assessment: Summary of the data, stock assessment, and harvest decision table for Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) at the end of 2020	I. Stewart
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	6.5 Pacific halibut mortality projections using the IPHC mortality projection tool (2021) ➤ Weblink to be provided 6.6 Size limit review ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-10: Evaluation of directed commercial fishery size limits in 2020	I. Stewart
17:00-17:30	Public comment and questions (Agenda items 6-7)	Chairperson
Tuesday, 26 January 2021		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) cont.: <u>Virtual Room link:</u> TBA		
09:00-09:30	7. IPHC Science and Research 7.1 IPHC 5-year Biological & Ecosystem Science Research Plan (2017-21): update 8. IPHC-2021-AM097-11: IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Plan (2017-21): update	J. Planas
09:30-09:40	9. Report of the 21 st Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB021) ➤ IPHC-2020-RAB021-R: Report of the 21 st Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB021)	J. Planas
09:40-10:00	10. Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board ➤ IPHC-2020-SRB016-R: Report of the 16 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB016)	S.Cox

	➤ IPHC-2020-SRB017-R: Report of the 17th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB017)	
10:00-10:40	11. Management strategy evaluation 11.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation update ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-11: IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation for Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>)	A. Hicks
10:40-10:50	Break	
10:50-11:15	11.2 Reports of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board ➤ IPHC-2020-MSAB015-R: Report of the 15th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB015) ➤ IPHC-2020-MSAB016-R: Report of the 16th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB016)	MSAB Co-Chairpersons
11:15-12:15	12. IPHC Fishery Regulations: proposals for the 2020/21 process ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-13: Regulatory Proposals (2020) implementation notes 12.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-PropA1: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-PropA2: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-PropA3: IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments 12.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-PropB1: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut—IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-PropB2: Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A (Sect. 29) 12.3 Other Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals 12.4 Stakeholder statements ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-INF01: Stakeholder statements on IPHC fishery regulation proposals for 2020	L. Erikson L. Erikson Canada: DFO USA: NOAA-Fisheries Stakeholders Stakeholders
12:15-12:30	Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 8-10)	P. Ryall
12:30-13:30	Lunch	

97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) cont.: <u>Virtual Room link: TBA</u>		
13:30-14:30	13. Contracting Party: National Reports 13.1 Canada ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-NR01: Canada	Canada
14:30-15:30	13.2 United States of America ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-NR02: USA	USA
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:30	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 12)</i>	P. Ryall
16:30-17:00	<i>Discussion of Contracting Party National Report process and documentation (Agenda Item 12)</i>	P. Ryall
Wednesday, 27 January 2021		
Time	Agenda item	Lead (support)
97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) cont.: <u>Virtual Room link: TBA</u>		
09:00-09:45	14. Report of the 97 th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC097) ➤ IPHC-2021-FAC097-R: Report of the 97th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC097)	D. Wilson (K. Jernigan)
09:45-10:30	15. 2 nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02) 15.1 Report of the 2 nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-14: Implementation of the recommendations from the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02) (D. Wilson)	D. Wilson
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 13 and 14)</i>	P. Ryall
11:15-12:30	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2021: for discussion (Agenda item 11)	D. Wilson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	

13:30-17:00	No AM097 Session: Commissioner opportunity to caucus and/or listen to CB/PAB proceedings	
Thursday, 28 January 2021		
97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) cont.: <u>Virtual Room link: TBA</u>		
09:00-10:30	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2021: for discussion (Agenda item 11)	P. Ryall (D. Wilson)
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-12:30	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2021: for discussion (Agenda item 11)	P. Ryall (D. Wilson)
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:15	16. Report of the 91 st Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB091) ➤ IPHC-2021-CB091-R: Report of the 91st Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB091)	CB Co-Chairpersons
14:15-15:30	17. Report of the 26 th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB026) ➤ IPHC-2021-PAB026-R: Report of the 26th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB026)	PAB Chairperson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2021: for decision (Agenda item 11)	L. Erikson
Friday, 29 January 2021		
97th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097) cont.: <u>Virtual Room link: TBA</u>		
09:00-10:00	Revisit Regulatory proposals for 2021: for decision (Agenda item 11)	L. Erikson
10:00-10:30	Mortality limits for 2021: For decision/announcement (Agenda Item 11)	P. Ryall
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:30	Revisit final mortality projections based on adopted mortality limits for 2021	D. Wilson
11:30-12:30	18. Other business 18.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2021-23) ➤ IPHC-2021-AM097-15: IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2021-23)	D. Wilson

	18.2 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson	D. Wilson
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-17:00	19. Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 97 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097)	P. Ryall (D. Wilson)



**PROVISIONAL: LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 97th SESSION OF THE IPHC
ANNUAL MEETING (AM097)**

Meeting documents	Title	Availability
IPHC-2021-AM097-01	Agenda & Schedule for the 97 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097)	✓ 27 Oct 2020
IPHC-2021-AM097-02	List of Documents for the 97 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM097)	✓ 27 Oct 2020
IPHC-2021-AM097-03	Update on actions arising from the 96 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM096), 96 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM096) and 2020 Intersessional decisions (D. Wilson)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-04	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2020) (D. Wilson)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-05	State of the Fishery (2020) (L. Erikson & H. Tran)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-06	IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design, implementation, and implications (2020) (L. Erikson & R. Webster)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-07	Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-08	Review: Rationalisation of the FISS following the 2014-19 expansion series (R. Webster)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-09	Stock Assessment: Summary of the data, stock assessment, and harvest decision table for Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) at the end of 2020 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-10	Evaluation of directed commercial fishery size limits in 2020 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks & B. Hutniczak)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-11	IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Plan (2017-21): update (J. Planas)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-12	IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation for Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) (A. Hicks, P. Carpi, I. Stewart, S. Berukoff)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-13	Regulatory Proposal (2021) implementation notes (IPHC Secretariat)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-14	Implementation of the recommendations from the 2 nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02) (D. Wilson)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-15	IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2021-22) (IPHC Secretariat)	

Contracting Party National Reports		
IPHC-2021-AM097-NR01	Canada	
IPHC-2021-AM097-NR02	United States of America	
Regulatory proposals for 2021		
IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals for 2021		
IPHC-2021-AM097-PropA1	Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5) (IPHC Secretariat)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-PropA2	Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) (IPHC Secretariat)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-PropA3	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments (IPHC Secretariat)	
Contracting Party regulatory proposals for 2021		
IPHC-2021-AM097-PropB1	Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut— IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) (Canada: DFO)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-PropB2	Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A (Sect. 29) (USA: NOAA-Fisheries)	
Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals for 2021		
IPHC-2021-AM097-PropC1	-	
Information papers		
IPHC-2021-AM097-INF01	Stakeholder statements on regulatory proposals for 2021 (IPHC Secretariat)	
IPHC-2021-AM097-INF02	IPHC science posters for AM097 (IPHC Secretariat)	
Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies (2019/20)		
IPHC-2020-RAB021-R	Report of the 21 st Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB021)	✓ 27 Feb 2020
IPHC-2020-SRB016-R	Report of the 16 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB016)	✓ 26 Jun 2020
IPHC-2020-SRB017-R	Report of the 17 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB017)	✓ 25 Sept 2020
IPHC-2020-MSAB015-R	Report of the 15 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB015)	✓ 15 May 2020
IPHC-2020-MSAB016-R	Report of the 16 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB016)	✓ 23 Oct 2020
IPHC-2019-IM095-R	Report of the 95 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095)	Expected: 19 Nov 2020
IPHC-2021-FAC096-R	Report of the 96 th Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC096)	Expected: 28 Jan 2021

IPHC-2021-CB090-R	Report of the 90 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB090)	Expected: 28 Jan 2021
IPHC-2021-PAB025-R	Report of the 25 th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB025)	Expected: 26 Jan 2021