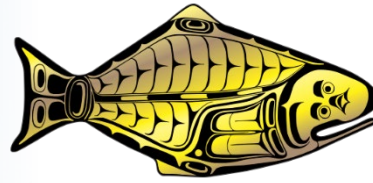


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Implementation of the Recommendations from the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02)

Agenda Item 3.3

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RESEARCH

Purpose

- To provide the Commission with an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02).

Background

- The Report of the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02), IPHC-2019-PRIPHC02-R (adopted on 11 October 2019) is available for download from the IPHC website:

<https://www.iphc.int/library/documents/post/iphc-2019-priphc02-r-report-of-the-2nd-performance-review-of-the-international-pacific-halibut-commission-priphc02>



Update on actions arising (in 2022)

98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098)

AM098– Req.01 (para. 9)	2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02): Implementation of recommendations The Commission REQUESTED that a ‘scorecard’ be added to the covering paper of the PRIPHC02 update paper, for future meeting documents. Mindful that a timeline to address the set of recommendations is by the end of 2024, the intention would be to better facilitate a discussion of progress and feasibility of the current set of recommendations.
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The following is a summary of the status of each of the detailed updated provided in [Appendix A](#).

PRIPHC02 Recommendation	Status
Completed and/or annually ongoing	17
In Progress	6
Pending (from Contracting Parties)	2
On-Hold (decision = no action to be taken)	1
Total	26



On Hold (x1)

REF#	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE	UPDATE/STATUS
PRIPHC02 –Rec.01 (para. 32)	Legal analysis of the IPHC Convention The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that consideration be given to updating the Convention at the next opportunity, to become consistent with newer international legal instruments, and specifically consider including the following elements: a) – z)	N/A	N/A	N/A	On-Hold: At this time, the Contracting Parties have indicated that they do not wish to commence the process of updating the IPHC Convention. Thus, this Recommendation is on-hold until a decision is made to reopen it.



Pending (x2)

REF#	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE	UPDATE/STATUS
PRIPHC02 –Rec.13 (para. 96)	Compliance and enforcement: Port State measures The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that Contracting Party enforcement agencies adopt common standards for assessment of implementation of the principles of port State measures.	Medium	Contracting Parties	2020-24	Pending: To be incorporated into the Contracting Party National Reports at each Annual Meeting. Next National Report will be provided by each Contracting Party for the AM099.
PRIPHC02 –Rec.14 (para. 105)	Compliance and enforcement: Monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED enhancement of coordination of MCS activities to result in a common, integrated enforcement report for each Contracting Party to facilitate assessment of compliance efforts, trends and input into management decisions.	Medium	Contracting Parties	2021-24	Pending: To be incorporated into the Contracting Party National Reports at each Annual Meeting. Next National Report will be provided by each Contracting Party for the AM099.



In progress (x6)

PRIPHC02 –Rec.09 (para. 73)	<i>Conservation and Management: Data collection and sharing</i> The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that observer coverage be adjusted to be commensurate with the level of fishing intensity in each IPHC Regulatory Area.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<u>Commission directive:</u> The Commission RECOMMENDED that the IPHC Secretariat, in consultation with the Commission, develop minimum data collection standards for Pacific halibut by scientific observer programs. The intention would be for the Commission to review and approve the minimum standards, and recommend them for implementation by domestic agencies.	High	Contracting Parties	2020-24	In progress: The Contracting Parties have yet to engage on this recommendation. See paper: IPHC-2023-AM099-16 .

Seeking further guidance from the Commission based on the content of paper IPHC-2023-AM099-16



In progress (x6)

REF#	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE	UPDATE/STATUS
PRIPHC02 –Rec.11 (para. 83)	The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that ongoing work on the MSE process be prioritised to ensure there is a management framework/procedure with minimal room for ambiguous interpretation, and robust pre-agreed mortality limit setting frameworks.	High	IPHC Secretariat; Commission	2020-21	<p>In progress: See paper IPHC-2022-IM098-13 for the latest update, and https://www.iphc.int/uploads/pdf/msab/tech/iphc-2021-mse-02.pdf for the most recent MSE program of work activities.</p> <p>Next steps: The Commission to formally adopt a harvest strategy.</p>
PRIPHC02 –Rec.12 (para. 88)	<i>Fishing allocations and opportunities</i> The PRIPHC02 STRONGLY URGED the Commission to conclude its MSE process and RECOMMENDED it meet its 2021 deadline to adopt a harvest strategy.	High	Commission; IPHC Secretariat	2020-21	<p>In progress: The IPHC Secretariat provided options for Commission decision at the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098). The Commission requested further work at that time. See paper IPHC-2022-IM098-13 for the latest update.</p> <p>Next steps: The Commission to formally adopt a harvest strategy.</p>



In progress (x6)

REF#	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE	UPDATE/STATUS
PRIPHC02 –Rec.15 (para. 106)	The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that the Commission re-assess the ‘derby-style’ fisheries management concept in operation in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A in terms of available resources, impact on validity of monitoring results, and safety of fishers, and amend the management processes, if and as necessary.	High	IPHC Secretariat; NOAA-Fisheries	2020	<p>In progress: The IPHC Secretariat is coordinating with relevant Contracting Party domestic agencies regarding shifting management of all Pacific halibut fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A from the IPHC to the relevant domestic agencies. At IM095, the Commission requested:</p> <p>IM095 (para. 89) <i>The Commission WELCOMED the PFMC’s commitment to transition management of Pacific halibut fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A from the IPHC to domestic agencies and REQUESTED that the IPHC Secretariat continue to support this process in the short-term, with the aim of transitioning management of the fishery to the domestic agencies at the earliest opportunity.</i></p> <p>See paper IPHC-2022-AM098-14 for the latest iteration.</p> <p>Handover is expected late 2022/early 2023 and the PFMC and NOAA-Fisheries have <u>confirmed</u> this is on-track.</p>



In progress (x6)

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PRIPHC02 –Rec.21 (para. 146)	<i>International cooperation: Relationship to non-Contracting Parties</i> The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that the Commission prioritise scientific work to confirm the full range of the Pacific halibut stock.	High	IPHC Secretariat;	2020-24	In progress: There are three non-Contracting Parties who exploit Pacific halibut: Russia, Rep. of Korea and Japan. Most recently we have engaged Russian scientists working on Pacific halibut through PICES (https://meetings.pices.int/).
PRIPHC02 –Rec.22 (para. 147)	The PRIPHC02 RECOMMENDED that if the full range of the Pacific halibut stock extends outside the Convention Area, the Contracting Parties invite collaboration with all parties involved in the harvest of this stock, to ensure science and management includes accurate data regarding all removals from the stock.	Low/ Medium	IPHC Secretariat	2020-24	In progress: The IPHC Secretariat is engaging with other countries harvesting Pacific halibut via PICES as a first step. Known harvesters are Russia, Rep. of Korea and Japan with the latter two harvesting very minor levels at the extremity of Pacific halibut distribution in the western Pacific.

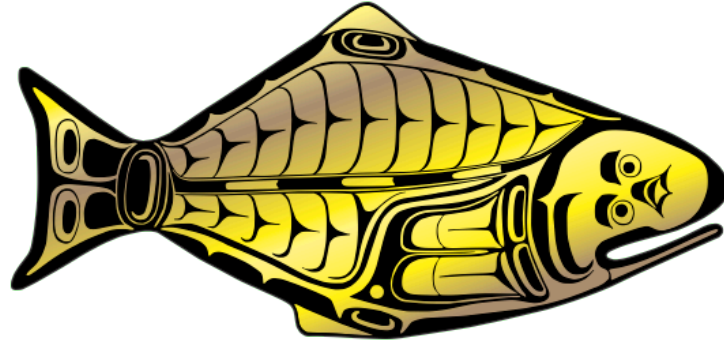


Recommendation

That the Commission **NOTE** paper IPHC-2023-AM099-05 Rev_1 that provides the Commission with an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 2nd Performance Review of the IPHC (PRIPHC02).



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