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Report of the 17th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB017)

Agenda Item 7.1

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(Co-Chairpersons)

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RESEARCH

RECOMMENDATIONS

Results investigating size limits and multi-year stock assessments for Pacific halibut fisheries

MSAB017-Rec.1 ([para. 41](#)) If the Commission wishes for further evaluation of size limits, the MSAB **RECOMMENDED** that the evaluation include the consideration of impacts of alternative size limits specific to IPHC Regulatory Areas, alternate distribution procedures (e.g. all-sizes stock distribution), and the development of additional metrics related to value and efficiency of the commercial fishery.



RECOMMENDATIONS

MSAB017-Rec.2 ([para. 49](#)) If the Commission wishes for further evaluation of multi-year assessments the MSAB **RECOMMENDED** further evaluation of the multi-year assessments to understand the drivers of inter-annual variability in the TCEY and changes in the TCEY specific to assessment years and non-assessment years.

MSAB017-Rec.3 ([para. 53](#)) The MSAB RECOMMENDED that future evaluations of size limits, multi-year assessments, and other management procedures include elements that reduce inter-annual variability in the coastwide and area-specific TCEY. For example:

- a) Constraints on the change in the coastwide TCEY (e.g. a maximum of 15% in either direction);
- b) Averaging the stock distribution over recent years (e.g. 3 years).



REQUESTS

MSAB Membership & Rules of Procedure

MSAB017-Req.1 ([para. 12](#)) **NOTING** the proposed amendments to the MSAB Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, the MSAB **REQUESTED** the Commission note the following comments:

- a) Membership continuity through various aspects of the Program of Work is desirable;
- b) Term limits should be staggered, wherever feasible, to facilitate continuity within the Board;
- c) Continuity would be well served by first term limits remaining at four (4) years, with subsequent terms at two (2) years, and without a limit on the number of terms that could be served by an individual board member. Some members expressed that term renewal limits were not supported as they would likely undercut consistency, member expertise, and contributions to the MSE process;
- d) Should the Commission decide to limit the number of terms a member may serve, it should consider more than two (2) terms as a limit;
- e) Should the number of term limits be implemented, the Commission is requested to clarify how current members would be impacted, noting some have been on the board for greater than 10-13 years.



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MSAB Membership & Rules of Procedure

MSAB017-Req.2 ([para. 17](#)) The MSAB **REQUESTED** the following minor amendments to the MSAB Rules of Procedure be incorporated in the current update:

- a) Review terminology throughout and ensure consistency, e.g.: Fisheries vs fishery; Session vs meeting;
- b) Para. 3: Change 'employees' to 'board members' at the end of para. 3;
- c) Para. 7: Co-Chairpersons: no limit to the number of co-chairperson terms.



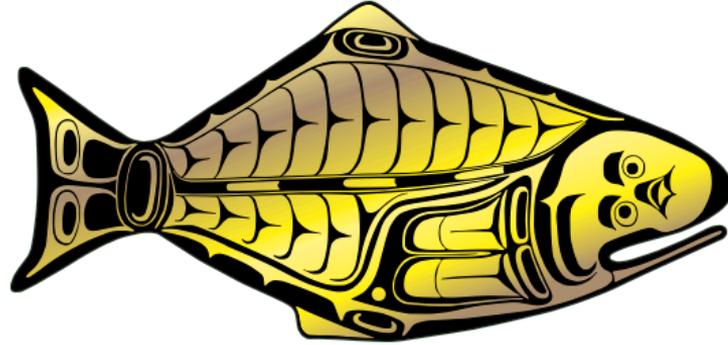
REQUESTS

Primary MSE goals and objectives, performance metrics, and MSE Explorer

MSAB017-Req.3 ([para. 28](#)) The MSAB **NOTED** that objective 2.1 is stated as a target that has also been interpreted as a threshold and **REQUESTED** clarification from the Commission.



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