



30 Nov 2017

IPHC CIRCULAR 2017-019

Dear Commissioners,

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 19th SESSION OF THE IPHC RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB19)

In accordance with Rules 6.5 and 8.1 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2017), I am pleased to inform you that the 19th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB19) will be held 28 February 2018 at the IPHC offices in Seattle, WA, U.S.A.

The draft agenda and schedule is attached for your information. If you wish for any additional items to be incorporated, please provide them no later than 45 days prior to the Session (14 January 2018) in accordance with Rule 8.2 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

Other information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published on the IPHC website as they become available, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the Session (29 January 2018), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

Yours sincerely

David T. Wilson, Ph.D.

Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Draft: Agenda and Schedule for the 19th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB19) – IPHC-2018-RAB19-01



**DRAFT: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 19TH SESSION OF THE IPHC
RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB19)**

Date: 28 February 2018

Location: Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

Venue: IPHC Training Room, Salmon Bay

Time: 09:00-17:30 (Schedule below)

Chairperson: Dr David T. Wilson (IPHC Executive Director)

Vice-Chairperson: Dr Josep Planas (IPHC Biological & Ecosystem Science Branch Manager)

**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 19TH SESSION OF THE IPHC
RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB19)**

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
(Chairperson)
3. **IPHC PROCESS**
 - 3.1 IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017)
 - 3.2 Update on the actions arising from the 18th Session of the RAB (RAB18)
 - 3.3 Outcomes of the 94th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM094)
4. **SEASON OVERVIEW: RAB MEMBERS**
5. **DESCRIPTION OF IPHC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES** (J. Planas & Project leaders)
 - 5.1 Brief overview of IPHC 5-year Biological Research Program (J. Planas)
 - 5.2 Ongoing research activities (Project leaders)
 - 5.2.1 IPHC fishery-independent setline survey expansion and densification (R. Webster)
 - 5.2.2 Reproductive assessment of the Pacific halibut population (J. Planas)
 - 5.2.3 Sex-marking at sea and genetic validation of sex identification (T. Loher)
 - 5.2.4 Factors affecting somatic growth in juvenile Pacific halibut (J. Planas)
 - 5.2.5 Discard mortality rates and post-release survival in the directed Pacific halibut fishery (C. Dykstra)
 - 5.2.6 Migratory behavior and distribution of Pacific halibut (T. Loher, L. Sadorus)
 - 5.3 IPHC research topics selected for 2018 (J. Planas)
6. **GUIDANCE ON, AND DISCUSSION OF, OTHER POTENTIAL APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECTS** (Chairperson)
 - Review of minimum size limit and discussion of maximum size limit
 - Calibration of snap versus fixed gear

- Whale depredation
- Alterations of flesh characteristics: chalky and mushy Pacific halibut
- Other topics of interest suggested by the Board

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Date and place of the 20th and 21st Sessions of the IPHC Research Advisory Board
(Chairperson)

8. **REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 19th SESSION OF THE IPHC RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB19)** (Chairperson)

**DRAFT: SCHEDULE FOR THE 19th SESSION OF THE IPHC
RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB19)**

Wednesday, 28 February 2018		
Time	Agenda item	Lead
09:00-09:05	1. Opening of the Session	Chairperson
09:05-09:15	2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session	Chairperson
09:15-09:30	3. IPHC Process	Chairperson
09:30-10:30	4. Season overview: RAB members	RAB Members
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-12:30	5. Description of IPHC research activities & Discussion 5.1. Brief overview of IPHC 5-year Biological Research Program (J. Planas) 5.2. Ongoing research activities (Project leaders) 5.2.1. Survey expansion and densification (R. Webster) 5.2.2. Reproductive assessment of the Pacific halibut population (J. Planas). 5.2.3. Sex-marking at sea and genetic validation of sex identification (T. Loher) 5.2.4. Factors affecting somatic growth in juvenile Pacific halibut (J. Planas) 5.2.5. Discard mortality rates and post-release survival in the directed Pacific halibut fishery (C. Dykstra). 5.2.6. Migratory behaviour and distribution of Pacific halibut (T. Loher, L. Sadorus) 5.3. IPHC research topics selected for 2018 (J. Planas)	J. Planas
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	6. Guidance on, and discussion of, other potential applied research projects (examples below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of minimum size limit and discussion of maximum size limit • Calibration of snap versus fixed gear • Whale depredation • Alterations of flesh characteristics: chalky and mushy Pacific halibut • Other topics of interest suggested by the RAB 	Chairperson & RAB Members
15:30-15:45	Break	

15:45-16:30	6. Guidance on, and discussion of, potential applied research projects (cont.)	RAB Members
16:30-16:40	7. Other business 7.1 Date and place of the 20 th and 21 st Sessions of the IPHC Research Advisory Board	Chairperson
16:40-17:30	8. Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 19 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB19)	Chairperson