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5 August 2018

**IPHC CIRCULAR 2018-018**

Dear Commissioners,

**SUBJECT: DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 2018 SESSION OF THE IPHC WORK MEETING (WM2018)**

Subsequent to IPHC Circular 2018-10 (invitation to the WM2018), and in accordance with Rule 8.2 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2017), I am pleased to provide you with the revised Draft Agenda for the 2018 Session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2018), which will be held at the Hotel Bellwether in Bellingham, WA, U.S.A., from the 19-20 September 2018.

**A reminder that the Work Meeting is a closed meeting of the Commission, limited to Commissioners, advisors and experts.**

Other information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published on the IPHC sharepoint site as they become available, but no later than **30 days** prior to the commencement of the Session (20 August 2018), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017).

Yours sincerely

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**Attachments:**

**Attachment I:** Draft: Agenda for the 2018 Session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2018)



**DRAFT: AGENDA FOR THE 2018 SESSION OF THE IPHC  
WORK MEETING (WM2018)**

**Date:** 19-20 September 2018

**Location:** Bellingham, WA, USA

**Venue:** Hotel Bellwether

**Time:** 19<sup>th</sup>: 10:00-17:00; 20<sup>th</sup>: 09:00-17:00

**Chairperson:** Mr. Paul Ryall (Canada)

**Vice-Chairperson:** Dr. James Balsiger (United States of America)

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION** (P. Ryall)
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION** (P. Ryall & D. Wilson)
3. **UPDATE ON THE ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 94<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING** (D. Wilson)
4. **REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2018): Preliminary** (D. Wilson)
  - 4.1 Staffing changes
  - 4.2 Meetings of the Commission's subsidiary bodies
  - 4.3 Canada: Interactions
    - Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
    - Halibut Advisory Board (HAB)
  - 4.4 USA: Interactions
    - NOAA-Fisheries
    - North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)
    - Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC)
  - 4.5 IPHC Communications and Outreach
    - Annual Report
    - Website updates
    - Electronic communications
5. **STATE OF THE FISHERY (2018): Preliminary statistics** (L. Erikson)
6. **STOCK ASSESSMENT INPUTS**
  - 6.1 IPHC Fishery-independent setline survey (R. Webster)
    - Preliminary FISS results (2018)
    - Expansions (Reg. Areas 2B and 2C, plus ad-hoc in Reg. Area 2A)
  - 6.2 Other data inputs (I. Stewart)
7. **MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**
  - 7.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: Updates (A. Hicks)
  - 7.2 IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB): Updates (A. Keizer & C. McGilliard)

**8. IPHC RESEARCH AND SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARDS**

- 8.1 IPHC Research Advisory Board: Updates (D. Wilson)
- 8.2 IPHC Scientific Review Board: Updates (D. Wilson)
- 8.3 Five-year research plan and management implications (J. Planas)
- 8.4 Progress on ongoing research projects (J. Planas)
- 8.5 Planned future research projects (J. Planas)
- 8.6 Presentation of the new biological laboratory at IPHC (J. Planas)

**10. IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW: 2<sup>ND</sup> IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW - 2019** (D. Wilson)**11. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 10.1 Budgets (M. Larsen)
  - 2016 AUDIT
  - 2017 AUDIT
  - 2018 AUDIT
  - FY2019 Budget amendment process
  - FY2020 Budget development process
- 10.2 Discussion of potential amendments to the IPHC Financial Regulations (2018) (M. Larsen)
- 10.3 Discussion of potential amendments to the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2017) (D. Wilson)

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Planning for upcoming IPHC meetings (S. Keith)
  - Agenda and schedule for IM094
  - Agenda and schedule for AM095