



OUTCOMES OF THE 98TH SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM098), AND THE 12TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE IPHC (SS012)

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PURPOSE

To provide the MSAB with the outcomes of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098), and the 12th Special Session of the IPHC (SS012), relevant to the mandate of the MSAB.

BACKGROUND

The agendas of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) and the 12th Special Session of the IPHC (SS012) both included agenda items relevant to the MSAB.

DISCUSSION

During the course of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) the Commission made a number of specific recommendations and requests for action regarding the MSE process. Relevant sections from the report of the meeting are provided in [Appendix A](#) for the MSAB's consideration. In addition, the Commission made a decision related to MSE during a Special Session in 2022 (SS012).

RECOMMENDATION

That the MSAB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2022-MSAB0017-06 which details the outcomes of the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098), and the 12th Special Session of the IPHC (SS012), relevant to the mandate of the MSAB.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Excerpts from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) Report ([IPHC-2022-AM098-R](#)), and the 12th Special Session of the IPHC (SS012) ([IPHC-2022-SS012-R](#)).

APPENDIX A
Excerpt from the 98th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM098) Report
[\(IPHC-2022-AM098-R\)](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Management Strategy Evaluation

AM098–Rec.01 ([para. 69](#)) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that an MSE agenda item be added to the upcoming special session to discuss and provide direction on elements of the MSE workplan, including distribution procedures to incorporate in the management procedures being simulated in 2022 and evaluated at the 99th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM099).

12th Special Session of the Commission (SS012)

AM098–Rec.02 ([para. 116](#)) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the 12th Special Session of the Commission be held electronically in late February or early March 2022 and include the following agenda items: 1) FY2023 budget review and adoption; 2) Management Strategy Evaluation; 3) IPHC Fishery Regulations: Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) ([IPHC-2022-AM098-PropB4](#)).

REQUESTS

Management Strategy Evaluation

AM098–Req.02 ([para. 61](#)) The Commission **RECALLED** SS011-Rec.01 and **REQUESTED** that the current size limit (32 inches), a 26 inch size limit, and no size limit be investigated. to understand the long-term effects of a change in the size limit.

AM098–Req.03 ([para. 63](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat work with the SRB and others as necessary to identify potential costs and benefits of not conducting an annual stock assessment. This will include a prioritized list of work items that could be accomplished in its place.

AM098–Req.04 ([para. 64](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that multi-year management procedures include the following concepts:

- a) The stock assessment occurs biennially (and possibly triennial if time in 2022 allows) and no changes would occur to the FISS (i.e. remains annual);
- b) The TCEY within IPHC Regulatory Areas for non-assessment years:
 - i. remains the same as defined in the previous assessment year, or
 - ii. changes within IPHC Regulatory Areas using simple empirical rules, to be developed by the IPHC Secretariat, that incorporate FISS data.

AM098–Req.05 ([para. 66](#)) The Commission **NOTED** that a distribution procedure is necessary to evaluate the size limit and multi-year assessment management procedures, and **REQUESTED** that a range of distribution procedures be used to highlight potential differences in the performance of size limits and multi-year assessments.

AM098–Req.06 ([para. 68](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that work continue on methods to evaluate MSE outcomes, including providing new alternative methods to quickly evaluate large sets of management procedures, which may involve ranking them in various ways.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 12TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE IPHC (SS012)**(25 February 2022)****([IPHC-2022-SS012-R](#))****RECOMMENDATIONS*****Management Strategy Evaluation***

- SS012-Rec.01 ([para. 10](#)) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** the following five distribution procedures to be used in the management strategy evaluation of size limits and multi-year assessments, noting that these distribution procedures are for analytical purposes only and are not endorsed by both parties, thus would be reviewed in the future if the Commission wishes to evaluate them for implementation.
- a) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3A, relative harvest rates of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 3B-4, and no application of the current interim agreements for 2A and 2B;
 - b) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3A, relative harvest rates of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 3B-4, and current interim agreements for 2A and 2B;
 - c) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results with 1.65 Mlbs to 2A and 20% of the coastwide TCEY to 2B;
 - d) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3, 4A, and 4CDE, a relative harvest rate of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Area 4B, and no agreements for 2A and 2B;
 - e) Baseline based on recent year O32 FISS results, relative harvest rates of 1.0 for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2-3, 4A, and 4CDE, a relative harvest rate of 0.75 for IPHC Regulatory Area 4B, and current interim agreements for IPHC Regulatory Areas 2A and 2B.