



Update on the Actions Arising from the 17th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB017)

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PURPOSE

To provide the Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the intersessional period, on the recommendations/requests arising from the MSAB017.

BACKGROUND

At the MSAB017, the members recommended/requested a series of actions to be taken by the IPHC Secretariat, as detailed in the MSAB017 meeting report ([IPHC-2022-MSAB017-R](#)) available from the IPHC website, and as provided in [Appendix A](#).

DISCUSSION

During the 18th Session of the MSAB (MSAB018), efforts will be made to ensure that any recommendations/requests for action are carefully constructed so that each contains the following elements:

- 1) a specific action to be undertaken (deliverable);
- 2) clear responsibility for the action to be undertaken (such as the IPHC Staff or MSAB officers);
- 3) a desired time frame for delivery of the action (such as by the next session of the MSAB or by some other specified date).

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the MSAB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2023-MSAB018-04, which provided the MSAB with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period, in relation to the consolidated list of recommendations/requests arising from the previous MSAB meeting (MSAB017).
- 2) **AGREE** to consider and revise the actions as necessary, and to combine them with any new actions arising from MSAB018.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Update on actions arising from the 17th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB017)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Action No.	Description	Update
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	Completed The Commission considered size limits and recommended to not change the current 32-inch size limit (AM099-Rec.03)
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.	Completed The Commission considered multi-year assessment results and agreed that there is utility in continuing to explore multi-year stock assessment management procedures (AM099-R, para 85 and para. 86).
MSAB017– Rec.3 (para. 53)	The MSAB RECOMMENDED that future evaluations of size limits, multiyear assessments, and other management procedures include elements that reduce interannual 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)	Completed Although no specific direction was provided for the elements of management procedures to evaluate, the Commission agreed that following an agreement on a distribution procedure, coastwide elements of a MP should be evaluated (AM099-R, para. 87)

REQUESTS

Action No.	Description	Update
MSAB017– Req.1 (para 12)	<p>NOTING the proposed amendments to the MSAB Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure, the MSAB REQUESTED the Commission note the following comments:</p> <p>a) Membership continuity through various aspects of the Program of Work is desirable;</p> <p>b) Term limits should be staggered, wherever feasible, to facilitate continuity within the Board;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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; IPHC-2022-MSAB017-R Page 5 of 22</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>The Commission made a number of agreements related to MSAB membership that are outlined in document IPHC-2023-MSAB018-04.</p>
MSAB017– Req.2 (para 17)	<p>The MSAB REQUESTED the following minor amendments to the MSAB Rules of Procedure be incorporated in the current update:</p> <p>a) Review terminology throughout and ensure consistency, e.g.: Fisheries vs fishery; Session vs meeting;</p> <p>b) Para. 3: Change ‘employees’ to ‘board members’ at the end of para. 3;</p> <p>c) Para. 7: Co-Chairpersons: no limit to the number of co-chairperson terms</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>The Commission updated the IPHC Terms of Reference.</p>
MSAB017– Req.3 (para 28)	<p>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</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>The Secretariat continues to work with Commissioners, party agencies, and the SRB to determine appropriate language and interpretation of this objective.</p>