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## OUTCOMES OF THE 93<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM093)

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### PURPOSE

To provide the SRB with the outcomes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) relevant to the mandate of the SRB.

### BACKGROUND

The Reports of the 8<sup>th</sup> (IPHC-2016-SRB08-R) and 9<sup>th</sup> (IPHC-2016-SRB09-R) Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB) which were presented to the Commission by Dr Sean Cox (Simon Fraser University, Canada).

### DISCUSSION

During the course of the Annual Meeting (AM093) the Commission made a number of specific requests and recommendations regarding the IPHC scientific process. Relevant sections from the report of the meeting are provided in [Appendix A](#) for consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the SRB:

- 1) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2017-SRB10-04 which provides the outcomes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) relevant to the mandate of the SRB.

### APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#): Outcomes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) relevant to the mandate of the SRB

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**APPENDIX A****Outcomes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM093) relevant to the mandate of the SRB****RECOMMENDATIONS*****Survey expansion through 2019***

- AM093–Rec.02 ([para. 17](#)) The Commission recalled its previous **RECOMMENDATION** that the IPHC Secretariat develop an information paper associated with the survey expansion, which details the likely implications of periodic survey expansion on the stock assessment and apportionment, taking into consideration potential population variability of Pacific halibut in expansion areas which are infrequently surveyed. The paper shall be submitted for initial consideration at the Commission’s Work Meeting in September 2017.
- AM093–Rec.03 ([para. 19](#)) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the IPHC Secretariat develop a proposal detailing an ad-hoc expansion of the IPHC fishery-independent setline survey for 2017, which would involve a denser survey grid off the north coast of Washington, USA. The proposal shall be provided to the Commission as soon as possible following the close of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting for its review, endorsement, and potential implementation. The intention of the ad-hoc expansion is to verify the current estimates of stock distribution within Regulatory Area 2A.

***Draft Pacific halibut apportionment and catch tables (2017)***

- AM093–Rec.04 ([para. 29](#)) **NOTING** that the IPHC Secretariat and the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB) have demonstrated that Ebio is outdated and inconsistent with current assessment results, and that numerous elements of the current harvest policy are reliant on Ebio, and that the Commission has agreed that the current harvest policy is considered to be outdated (IPHC–2016–IM092–R, items 21, 22), the Commission **RECOMMENDED** that reference to all elements of the current harvest policy reliant on Ebio, as well as the use of the Blue line, be eliminated subsequent to the close of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission. The “*status quo* SPR” (F<sub>46%</sub>) may serve as an interim “hand rail” that allows all participants to gauge this and future years’ catch limit discussions in comparison to previous years.
- AM093–Rec.05 ([para. 30](#)) **NOTING** that the Commission has indicated its interest in clearer accounting for all mortality, and that Canada has put forward catch limit allocation principles proposing that catch limits include all sources of mortality for each regulatory area, the Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the presentation of harvest advice be changed to be based on the TCEY, which includes all O26 commercial, sport, personal use/subsistence, bycatch and wastage removals, for the 2018 Annual Meeting cycle, as a step towards more comprehensive and responsible management of the resource that will result in the negotiation of Regulatory Area-specific catch limits based on TCEYs.

***IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation***

- AM093–Rec.06 ([para. 38](#)) **NOTING** that the term “apportionment” has connotations broader than stock distribution that are not reflective of its meaning in the IPHC context, the Commission **RECOMMENDED** that it be replaced with the terms “stock distribution” or “stock distribution model(ing)”.
- AM093–Rec.07 ([para. 39](#)) The Commission **RECOMMENDED** that the IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process be accelerated so that more of the elements contained within the current Program of Work are delivered at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Commission

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in 2018. The IPHC Secretariat is directed to mobilise carryover funds from “core operations” to ensure the accelerated delivery schedule.

### ***REQUESTS***

#### ***Survey expansion through 2019***

AM093–Req.01 ([para. 18](#)) **NOTING** the potential positive implications of periodic survey expansion on the stock assessment model and apportionment arising from the survey, and that the IPHC Secretariat will be developing an information paper associated with the survey expansion (see IPHC–2016–IM092–R, item 38), and that there are implications of survey expansion in Regulatory Area 2B for species of conservation concern and protected areas, and that Canada would like to better understand the value of the additional survey information, the Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat work with domestic agencies and interests to explore options to the proposed survey expansion to minimise impacts on species of conservation concern and area closures before proceeding with planning any survey expansion in 2B.

#### ***IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation***

AM093–Req.02 ([para. 40](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat initiate a process to develop alternative, biologically based stock distribution strategies for consideration by the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. This should also be incorporated into the MSE Program of Work.

#### ***Reports of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB)***

AM093–Req.06 ([para. 123](#)) The Commission **REQUESTED** that, in response to the SRB recommendation that the Ebio calculation be phased out in favour of alternatives, the SRB recommend specific alternatives that the IPHC Secretariat can explore.

**14.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2017-19)**

173. The Commission **ADOPTED** the proposed dates and places for the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, as provided in [Appendix XV](#).

**APPENDIX XV**  
**IPHC MEETINGS CALENDAR (2017-19)**

Meeting	2017			2018			2019		
	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location	No.	Date	Location
<b>Annual Meeting (AM)</b>	<b>93<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>23-27 Jan</b>	<b>Victoria, Canada</b>	<b>94<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>22-26 Jan</b>	<b>Portland, USA</b>	<b>95<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>28 Jan-1 Feb</b>	<b>Victoria, Canada</b>
Conference Board (CB)	87 <sup>th</sup>	24-25 Jan	Victoria, Canada	88 <sup>th</sup>	23-24 Jan	Portland, USA	89 <sup>th</sup>	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada
Processor Advisory Group (PAG)	22 <sup>nd</sup>	24-25 Jan	Victoria, Canada	23 <sup>rd</sup>	23-24 Jan	Portland, USA	24 <sup>th</sup>	29-30 Jan	Victoria, Canada
Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)	--	23, 26 Jan, during AM	Victoria, Canada	--	22, 25 Jan	Portland, USA	--	28, 31 Jan	Victoria, Canada
Scientific Review Board (SRB)	10 <sup>th</sup>	20-21 June	Seattle, USA	12 <sup>th</sup>	19-20 June	Seattle, USA	14 <sup>th</sup>	18-19 June	Seattle, USA
	11 <sup>th</sup>	26-28 Sept	Seattle, USA	13 <sup>th</sup>	25-27 Sept	Seattle, USA	15 <sup>th</sup>	24-26 Sept	Seattle, USA
Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)	9 <sup>th</sup>	9-11 May	Seattle, USA	11 <sup>th</sup>	9-10 May	Seattle, USA	13 <sup>th</sup>	8-9 May	Seattle, USA
	10 <sup>th</sup>	25-26 Oct	Seattle, USA	12 <sup>th</sup>	24-25 Oct	Seattle, USA	14 <sup>th</sup>	23-24 Oct	Seattle, USA
Scholarship Committee (SC)	(no meeting in 2017)			--	Late Aug	Seattle, USA	(no meeting in 2018)		
Work Meeting (WM)	--	20-21 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	19-20 Sept	Bellingham, USA	--	18-19 Sept	Bellingham, USA
Research Advisory Board (RAB)	19 <sup>th</sup>	15 Nov	Seattle, USA	20 <sup>th</sup>	14 Nov	Seattle, USA	21 <sup>st</sup>	13 Nov	Seattle, USA
<b>Interim Meeting (IM)</b>	<b>93<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>28-29 Nov</b>	<b>Seattle, USA</b>	<b>94<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>27-28 Nov</b>	<b>Seattle, USA</b>	<b>95<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26-27 Nov</b>	<b>Seattle, USA</b>