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ACRONYMS

AM	Annual Meeting
CB	Conference Board
DFO	Fisheries and Ocean Canada
FCEY	Fishery Constant Exploitation Yield
FISS	Fishery-Independent Setline Survey
FY	Financial Year
GSA	General Services Administration
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission (or Commission)
MSAB	Management Strategy Advisory Board
NPFMC	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
O32	Over 32” fish
PAB	Processor Advisory Board
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
RAB	Research Advisory Board
SB	Spawning Biomass
SRB	Scientific Review Board
SPR	Spawning Potential Ratio
TCEY	Total Constant Exploitation Yield
U26	Under 26” fish
WPUE	Weight-Per-Unit-Effort

DEFINITIONS

A set of working definitions are provided in the IPHC Glossary of Terms and abbreviations: https://www.iphc.int/the-commission/glossary-of-terms-and-abbreviations

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This report has been written using the following terms and associated definitions so as to remove ambiguity surrounding how particular paragraphs should be interpreted.

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The following are a subset of the complete recommendations and requests for action from the AM102, that are provided at Appendix XIII.

IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS 2026

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)

(para. 81) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropA1, that provided the mortality and fishery limits framework for population at the AM102 (Appendix VIII). *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

(para. 82) The Commission **ADOPTED** the distributed mortality limits for each Contracting Party, by IPHC Regulatory Area (Table 5), and sector, as provided for in Appendix VIII. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

Table 5. Adopted TCEY mortality limits for 2026

Contracting Party IPHC Regulatory Area	Mortality limit (TCEY) (mlbs)	Mortality limit (TCEY) (metric tonnes)	% change from 2025
Canada Total: 2B	**5.06**	**2,295**	**-7.2%**
USA: 2A	1.65	748	0.0%
USA: 2C	5.22	2,368	0.0%
USA: 3A	9.08	4,119	0.0%
USA: 3B	2.86	1,297	0.0%
USA: 4A	1.34	608	0.0%
USA: 4B	1.04	472	0.0%
USA: 4CDE	3.08	1,397	0.0%
United States of America Total	**24.27**	**11,009**	**0.0%**
Total (IPHC Convention Area)	**29.33**	**13,304**	**-1.3%**

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)

(para. 87) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropA2, that provided the framework for setting fishing periods for the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

Commercial fishing periods

(para. 88) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishing periods for 2026 as provided below, thereby superseding the relevant portions of Section 9 of the IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations (Appendix IX) by specifying that commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all IPHC Regulatory Areas may begin no earlier than 06:00 hrs local time on 26 March 2026 and must cease at 23:59 hrs local time on 7 December 2026.

[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) (Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A (USA))

(para. 89) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB1, that included charter management measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A reflective of mortality limits adopted by the IPHC and resulting allocations under the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's (NPFMC) Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (Appendix X). *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada)

(para. 90) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB2, with an amendment to limit the application to one (1) year. PropB2 proposed a daily bag limit of up to three fish per day per person in the recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B beginning on or after 1 August of each year. This provision shall remain in effect through 2026, unless extended by a vote of the Commission (Appendix XI). *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2A – Season opening dates for recreational fishery subareas within IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (USA)

(para. 91) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB3, that proposed opening the 2026 Regulatory Area 2A recreational fishery in the Convention waters of the Washington Puget Sound and the U.S.A. Convention waters in the Strait of Juan de Fuca subarea and in the Convention Waters off the California subareas on 2 April and on 1 April (Appendix XII) *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) – limited retention outside the commercial fishing period in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (R. Hauknes)

(para. 94) The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC2, with an amendment to limit the application to one (1) year. PropC2 proposed a three-year pilot program authorising limited retention of legal-sized Pacific halibut caught incidentally as bycatch outside the Pacific halibut commercial fishing period in year-round hook & line and trap groundfish fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada). As explicit regulatory language was not provided with the proposal, the Secretariat and Fisheries and Oceans Canada will convene in the coming days to develop specific regulatory language prior to the IPHC Fishery Regulations being finalized for implementation and enforcement. This measure will be applicable for a period of one (1) year, unless extended by a vote of the Commission. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

REQUESTS

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28)

AM102–Req.01 (para. 93) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the Secretariat send a letter to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council transmitting copies of regulatory proposals C1 and C3 for the Council's awareness and consideration. The letter should inform the Council that the expansion of the unguided recreational harvest in Alaska prompted

considerable feedback from IPHC stakeholders. In 2025 the final unguided harvest and removal estimate in Area 2C was 1.445 Mlb, compared to the preliminary removal estimate of 0.992 Mlb, and the increase is understood to be driven by growing harvest by anglers fishing from unguided rental boats. This poses both management and allocative concerns, particularly in light of the current low abundance of the halibut resource. Given the Council's important role in these matters, the Council may wish to consider measures to improve management and catch data collection for the unguided recreational sector of the Pacific halibut fishery.

Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102)

AM102–Req.02 (para. 107) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC *Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2026)* as soon as possible, **NOTING** that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM102.

Other decisions:

Annual independent auditor's report (FY2025)

(para. 24) The Commission **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED** the independent external auditor's report for FY2025 (IPHC-2026-FAC102-05), as per Regulation 14 of the IPHC Financial Regulations (2024), by consensus. *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

FY2026 Budget – update

(para. 26) The Commission **ADOPTED** the amended FY2026 budget (1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026), as detailed in Appendix IV, noting that the amendments do not change the previously adopted Contracting Party contributions for FY2026: *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

a) Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: **US$1,019,136.94**

b) U.S.A.: Contribution to the General Fund: **US$4,642,734.94** (subject to appropriations)

c) U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: **US$418,599.43**

Budget estimates: FY2027 (for approval); FY2028 and FY2029 (for information)

(para. 33) The Commission **ADOPTED** the FY2027 budget (1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027) as detailed in Appendix V, including the contributions from the Contracting Parties to the General Fund for FY2027 (noting para. 30 above) as follows: *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

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c) U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US**$432,540.62**.

Aspirational reserve targets

(para. 39) The Commission **ADOPTED** the following aspirational targets for reserve funds: *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

a) Fund 50 – Reserve: **US$4,000,000** (~50% of the annual budget for Funds 10, 20, 30, 35);

b) Fund 40 – FISS: **US$4,000,000** (~50% of the annual budget for Fund 40 over two (2) years of the Base-Block design).

2026-28 FISS design evaluation

(para. 75) The Commission **ADOPTED** a revised 2026 FISS design (Fig. 6) on the understanding that vessel availability, bids received, additional bait needs, and field staff recruitment may impact operational feasibility (options refer to those in IPHC-2026-AM102-13, Appendix A, Table A.1) (total FISS stations 717 for 2026):

a) Option 2: Supplemented Reduced Loss design (692 stations previously agreed to at IM101; para. 66);

b) Option 4: IPHC Regulatory Area 3A: Replace Prince William Sound (67 stations) with Gore Point (48 stations);

c) Option 5: IPHC Regulatory Area 3A: Replace Yakutat (64 stations) with Fairweather (51 stations);

d) Option 6: IPHC Regulatory Area 2B: Add Goose Island (57 stations).

The full recording of the AM102 is available at the following link: IPHC-2026-AM102-Audio recording

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The 102nd Session of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Annual Meeting (AM102) was held in Bellevue, WA, USA, from 19-22 January 2026. A total of 22 participants (5 Commissioners: Members; 17 advisors/experts) attended the Session from the two (2) Contracting Parties, as well as 191 members of the public (113 in-person and 78 remote). The list of 213 participants is provided at Appendix I. The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Mr. Jon Kurland (U.S.A.), who welcomed participants and provided the following land acknowledgement:

> "*I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the traditional land of the First People of Bellevue, the Coast Salish peoples, the Duwamish, Suquamish Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, past and present. We thank and honour the caretakers of this land, which has been their home since time immemorial. We thank and honour their connection to the land and region, and pay respect to Coast Salish Elders past and present.*"

2. The Commission **NOTED** that Mr Andrew Lawler (USA) was appointed as Head of Delegation for the USA on 8 January 2026.

3. **NOTING** that the current Vice-Chairperson, Mr Mark Waddell (Canada), was unable to attend the AM102, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure (2024), the Commission called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the IPHC until the close of AM102. Mr Neil Davis (Canada) was nominated, seconded, and **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairperson of the IPHC until the close of AM102. *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION

4. The Commission **ADOPTED** the Agenda as provided at Appendix II. The documents provided to the AM102 are listed in Appendix III.

3. IPHC PROCESS

3.1 Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, Intersessional Decisions, and the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101)

5. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-03, that provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider the progress made during the inter-sessional period in relation to the direct requests for action by the Commission.

6. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-INF04 that provided an analysis detailing the biological, logistical and socioeconomic effects of year-round fishing in Canada, and focused on evaluating the feasibility and implications of allowing the retention of small quantities of incidentally encountered Pacific halibut that would otherwise be discarded during the winter closed period in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B. The paper included the following elements requested for inclusion at IM101:

IM101-Req.01 (para. 5). *The Commission **REQUESTED** that paper IPHC-2025-IM101-INF02 be expanded to include the following elements, to the extent possible, for consideration at AM102 in January 2026:*

a) An analysis of measures that would ensure no expansion of Pacific halibut effort;

b) An analysis of the extent to which high prices and winter price premium incentives might create an incentive to maximize winter Pacific halibut landings;

c) An analysis of whether approval of this proposal may lead other commercial fishery sectors in Canada or the U.S.A. to seek approval to retain Pacific halibut bycatch (e.g. the Amendment 80 fleet).

7. The Commission **AGREED** to consider, and revise as necessary, the actions arising referenced in paper IPHC-2026-AM103-03 along with any new actions arising from the AM102.

3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025)

8. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-04 that provided the Commission with a report on the activities of the IPHC Secretariat in 2025, not already contained within other papers before the Commission.

3.3 Report of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB)

9. The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 21st Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (IPHC-2025-MSAB021-R) that was presented by the Co-Chairpersons, Ms Gwyn Mason (Canada) and Mr Pete Hulson (USA).

10. The Commission **CONSIDERED** the recommendations made by the MSAB in 2025 and **AGREED** to take them into consideration when deliberating on relevant agenda items throughout the meeting.

3.4 Report of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB)

11. The Commission **NOTED** the Reports of the 26th and 27th Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (IPHC-2025-SRB026-R; IPHC-2025-SRB027-R) that were presented by Dr Olaf Jenson (University of Wisconsin-Madison), as the Chairperson, Dr Sean Cox had stepped down from the SRB at the close of the SRB027 meeting.

12. The Commission **THANKED** Dr Cox for his chairmanship since the SRB was formed. Dr Cox has contributed greatly to the IPHC scientific peer review process and has led the SRB to where it is today. The IPHC Secretariat is actively seeking to fill the vacancy on the SRB prior to SRB028.

13. The Commission **CONSIDERED** the recommendations made by the SRB in 2025 and **AGREED** to take them into consideration when deliberating on relevant agenda items throughout the AM102.

3.5 Report of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB)

14. The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 26th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (IPHC-2025-RAB026-R) that was presented by the RAB Chairperson, Dr David T. Wilson.

15. The Commission **NOTED** the RAB recommendation (RAB026-Rec.02 (para. 33a)), regarding "*alleged illegal retention and landing of Pacific halibut by non-target sectors for processing into fishmeal (e.g. the Kodiak trawl fleet)*" and that this refers to a recent Alaska Wildlife Troopers investigation involving vessels in the Trawl Electronic Monitoring (EM) program.

16. The Commission **NOTED** the indication from the USA, that pelagic pollock catcher vessels in the EM program (51 out of 52 vessels in the Gulf of Alaska), 100% of the catch is observed via EM and accounted for at the time of delivery, and the data for any caught Pacific halibut are accurately reported to the IPHC, and that there are no Pacific halibut accounting concerns. The RAB was advised of this during the RAB026 meeting; however, members requested that this recommendation be included in the meeting report.

17. The Commission **CONSIDERED** the recommendations made by the RAB in 2025 and **AGREED** to take them into consideration when deliberating on relevant agenda items throughout the AM102.

3.6 International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan

18. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-05 that provided the Commission with an update on the development of the next Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan.

3.7 Report of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)

19. The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 102nd Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC102) (IPHC-2026-FAC102-R) that was presented by Dr David T. Wilson (IPHC Executive Director).

3.7.1 Financial Statements for FY2025

20. The Commission **NOTED** the Financial Statements for FY2025 (financial period: 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025), as detailed in paper IPHC-2026-FAC102-04.

21. The Commission **NOTED** that total expenditures for FY2025 were **US$9,515,724.65**, against a total income of **US$10,554,736.78**. This provided for a surplus in revenue over expenditures totalling **US$1,039,012.13**, on an accrual basis of accounting.

22. The Commission **NOTED** that the total Equity or combined fund balance at year-end closing totalled **US$3,317,406.35**, up from **US$2,278,394.22** at the end of FY2024. Fund equity balances at year-end in Funds 40 FISS and 50 Reserve are:

- Fund 40 - FISS: **US$712,345.10**
- Fund 50 - Reserve: **US$3,428,799.39**

3.7.2 Annual independent auditor's report (FY2025)

23. The Commission **RECALLED** that the report of the Independent External Auditors for FY2025 (1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025) was presented directly by Clark Nuber PS to the Commission via video conference on 14 January 2026, who offered their '**unmodified opinion**'. [Note: *An unmodified opinion implies that the auditor was satisfied with the financial statements audited. This means that the statements met the requirements demanded by all regulations and they were prepared in accordance with appropriate accounting principles, criteria, and standards.*]

24. The Commission **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED** the independent external auditor's report for FY2025 (IPHC-2026-FAC102-05), as per Regulation 14 of the IPHC Financial Regulations (2024), by consensus. *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

3.7.3 FY2026 Budget – update

25. The Commission **NOTED** the update on the FY2026 budget (financial period: 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026), and that current expenditures for the first quarter of FY2026 are in line with the approved budget.

26. The Commission **ADOPTED** the amended FY2026 budget (1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026), as detailed in Appendix IV, noting that the amendments do not change the previously adopted Contracting Party contributions for FY2026: *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

a) Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: **US$1,019,136.94**

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c) U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: **US$418,599.43**

27. The Commission **NOTED** the optional extra-budgetary (International Fisheries Commission Pension Fund (IFCPF) deficit contributions from each Contracting Party for FY2026 as follows:

a) Canada: 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): **US$150,573**; and

b) U.S.A.: 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): **US$150,573.**

28. The Commission **NOTED** that Fund 35 – AK Cost-Recovery expenses are budgeted at **US$1,003,239.00** for FY2026, however, the amount that NOAA Fisheries has since indicated that they will provide for use in FY2026, and that which is to reimburse for IPHC's FY2024 expenses has been indicated at **US$838,153.91**. The shortfall of **US$159,485.09** has been moved from the contingency budget line.

29. The Commission **NOTED** Canada's expression of intent to make a voluntary supplementary contribution of CAD$1,000,000 (~**US$720,000**) in FY2026 towards 2026 (or future) FISS operating expenses. This amount

will complement the USA's voluntary supplementary contribution of **US$513,000**, provided for the 2026 FISS.

30. The Commission **NOTED** the divergence in contributions from the two Contracting Parties compared to that stated in the IPHC Convention, and that discussions between the two Contracting Parties would occur over the coming year:

    1979 Protocol Amending the Convention: Article III, para. 1. "*Joint expenses incurred by the Commission shall be paid by the two Parties in equal shares. However, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Parties may agree to vary the proportion of such joint expenses to be paid by each Party after March 31, 1981.*"

31. The Commission **NOTED** Canada's expression of intent to make an additional voluntary supplementary contribution of **US$1,000,000** in FY2026 towards the IPHC's Fund 40 - FISS reserve.

3.7.4 Budget estimates: FY2027 (for approval); FY2028 and FY2029 (for information)

FY2027

32. The Commission **RECALLED** that subsequent to the Commission approving an annual budget, with associated Contracting Party contributions, the Contracting Parties go through an internal process of review and appropriation. Should an appropriation be lower than the Commission approved budget, either Contracting Party can call an intersessional meeting for the Commission to consider in-year budget reductions to match the contributions received.

33. The Commission **ADOPTED** the FY2027 budget (1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027) as detailed in Appendix V, including the contributions from the Contracting Parties to the General Fund for FY2027 (noting para. 30 above) as follows: *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

    a) Canada: Contribution to the General Fund: **US$1,070,093.78** (Canada).

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    c) U.S.A.: Contribution to the headquarters building lease and maintenance costs: US**$432,540.62**.

34. The Commission **NOTED** the proposed optional extra-budgetary (IFCP Fund deficit) contributions from each Contracting Party for FY2027 as follows:

    a) Canada:

        i. 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): **US$150,573**.

    b) U.S.A.:

        i. 50% Contribution to the IFCP Fund deficit (former staff pension plan): **US$150,573**.

FY2028 and FY2029

35. The Commission **NOTED** the IPHC Secretariat's indicative budgets for FY2028 and FY2029 (1 October 2027 to 30 September 2028, and 1 October 2028 to 30 September 2029, as provided in Appendix VI and Appendix VII, respectively, and that they are based on a nominal 5% increase in general contributions for Canada and U.S.A. to cover expected matching increases in operations expenses, cost in salaries and wages (based on cost of living and step increases) and health care costs.

3.7.5 Aspirational reserve targets

36. The Commission **RECALLED** that it had previously agreed to the following aspirational targets for IPHC reserve funds:

    a) Fund 50 – Reserve: **US$1,500,000** (~25% of the annual budget for Funds 10, 20, 30, 35)

    b) Fund 40 – FISS: **US$2,000,000** (~50% of the annual budget for Fund 40)

Fund 50 – Reserve (general operating)

37. The Commission **NOTED** that:

    a) International best practice for retaining operating reserve funds is between 6-12 months as a common target, for stability against shortfalls, funding delays, emergencies, or grant gaps.

    b) With current uncertainty in funding timing within the financial year, and a highly uncertain grant environment, the Secretariat recommends a minimum of six (6) months of operating expenses be held in reserve (Fund 50 – Reserve).

    c) The FY2027 operating expenses for Funds 10, 20, 30, and 35 combined are proposed at **US$7,984,575.14** (composed of US$7,547,348.95 (general expenses) + US$136,880.19 (Fund 35 overheads) + US$150,173 (IFCPF-CAN) + US$150,173 (IFCPF-USA)).

    d) Thus, 6 months (50%) of expenses for FY2027 equate to ~**US$4,000,000**.

Fund 40 – FISS (Reserve)

38. The Commission **NOTED** that:

    a) Based on recent trends in catch rates and fish prices, it is clear that at best, the FISS will be revenue neutral in the short term without voluntary contributions from other sources.

    b) In FY2025, the FISS total expenses were **US$2,884,502.46**, while total income excluding voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties was **US$2,909,847.61**, essentially revenue neutral. This was during a year of high fish prices being obtained.

    c) In addition, the Secretariat has determined that the desired Base-Block FISS design will incur annual expenses of ~**US$3,500,000**, while income from fish sales is estimated to be ~**US$1,800,000** (for 2026), a shortfall of **US$1,700,000**.

    d) While an aspirational target reserve for the FISS of **US$2,000,000** would cover one (1) year of a budget deficit for the base-block FISS design, it would not cover any subsequent years should there be declines in fish prices and catch rates.

    e) Thus, a higher aspirational target reserve for the FISS should be considered, while also seeking stable, ongoing, regular budgetary contributions from the Contracting Parties.

39. The Commission **ADOPTED** the following aspirational targets for reserve funds: *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

    a) Fund 50 – Reserve: **US$4,000,000** (~50% of the annual budget for Funds 10, 20, 30, 35);

    b) Fund 40 – FISS: **US$4,000,000** (~50% of the annual budget for Fund 40 over two (2) years of the Base-Block design).

4. FISHERY MONITORING

4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2025)

4.1.1 Port Operations

40. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-06 that provided an overview of the design and implementation of the IPHC Fishery-Dependent Data Collection Activities in 2025 – Port Operations.

4.1.2 Fisheries Data

41. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-07 Rev_1 that provided an overview of the 2025 Pacific halibut removals, including the status of mortality reported against fishery limits adopted by the Commission and outlined in the IPHC Fishery Regulations (2025). The total mortality in 2025 was estimated to be 89.5% of the coastwide TCEY (compared to 86% in 2024).

42. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-INF03 that summarises the information available on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for determining the age of fish from images of collected otoliths and provides an update on the exploratory work of implementing an AI-based age determination model for Pacific halibut.

4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2025)

4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025

43. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-08 that provided an overview of the IPHC's FISS design and implementation in 2025.

44. The Commission **RECALLED** that the IPHC's FISS consists of a standard grid totalling 1,890 stations (Fig. 1), within the prescribed depth range of 18 to 732 metres (10 to 400 fathoms).

45. The Commission **RECALLED** that through an intersessional decision-making process, the Commission endorsed a final 2025 FISS design (IPHC-2024-CR-030, IPHC-2024-CR-031), which included 517 stations coastwide; however, only 497 were able to be effectively sampled (Fig. 2).

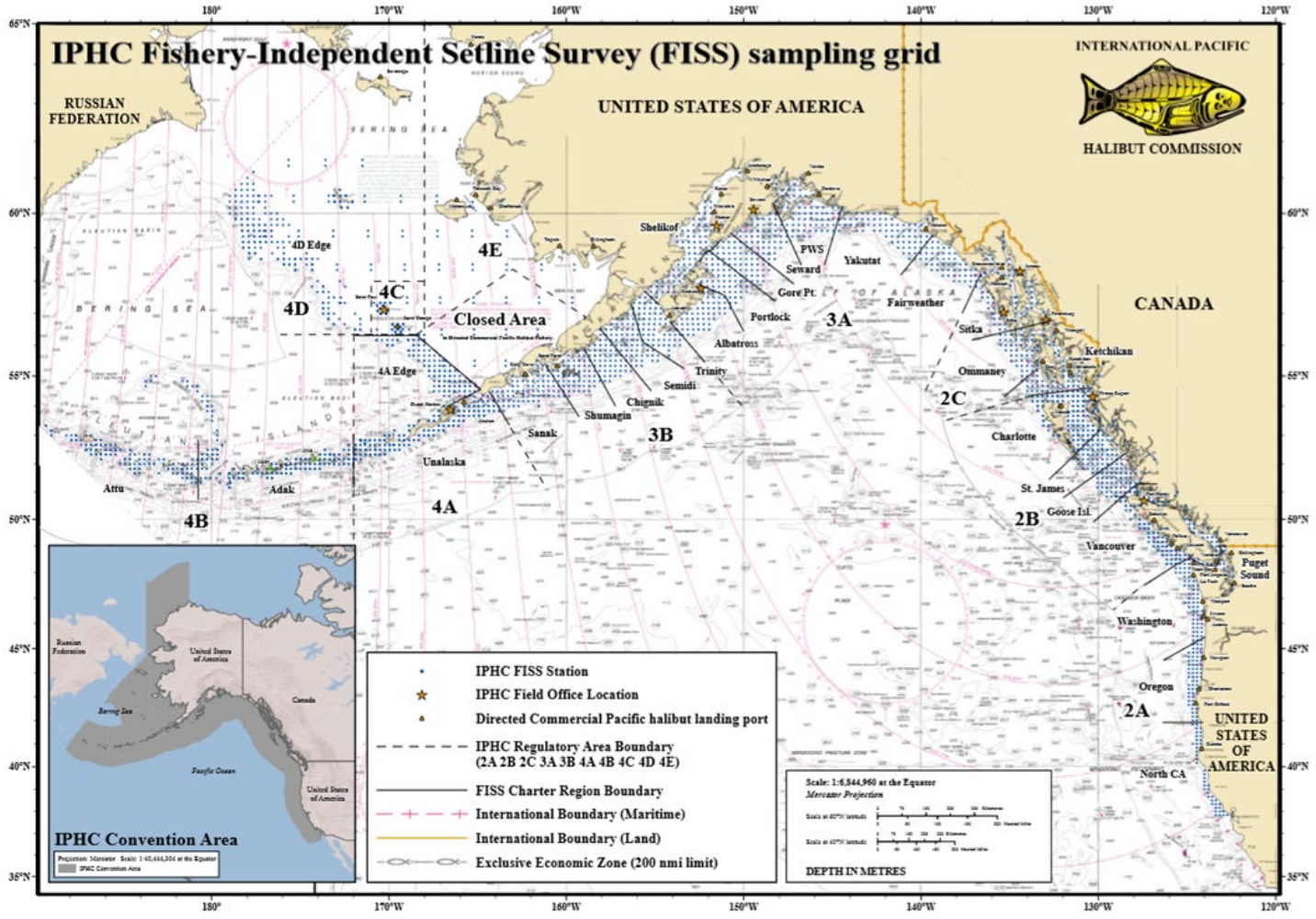

Figure 1. IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) with full sampling grid shown.

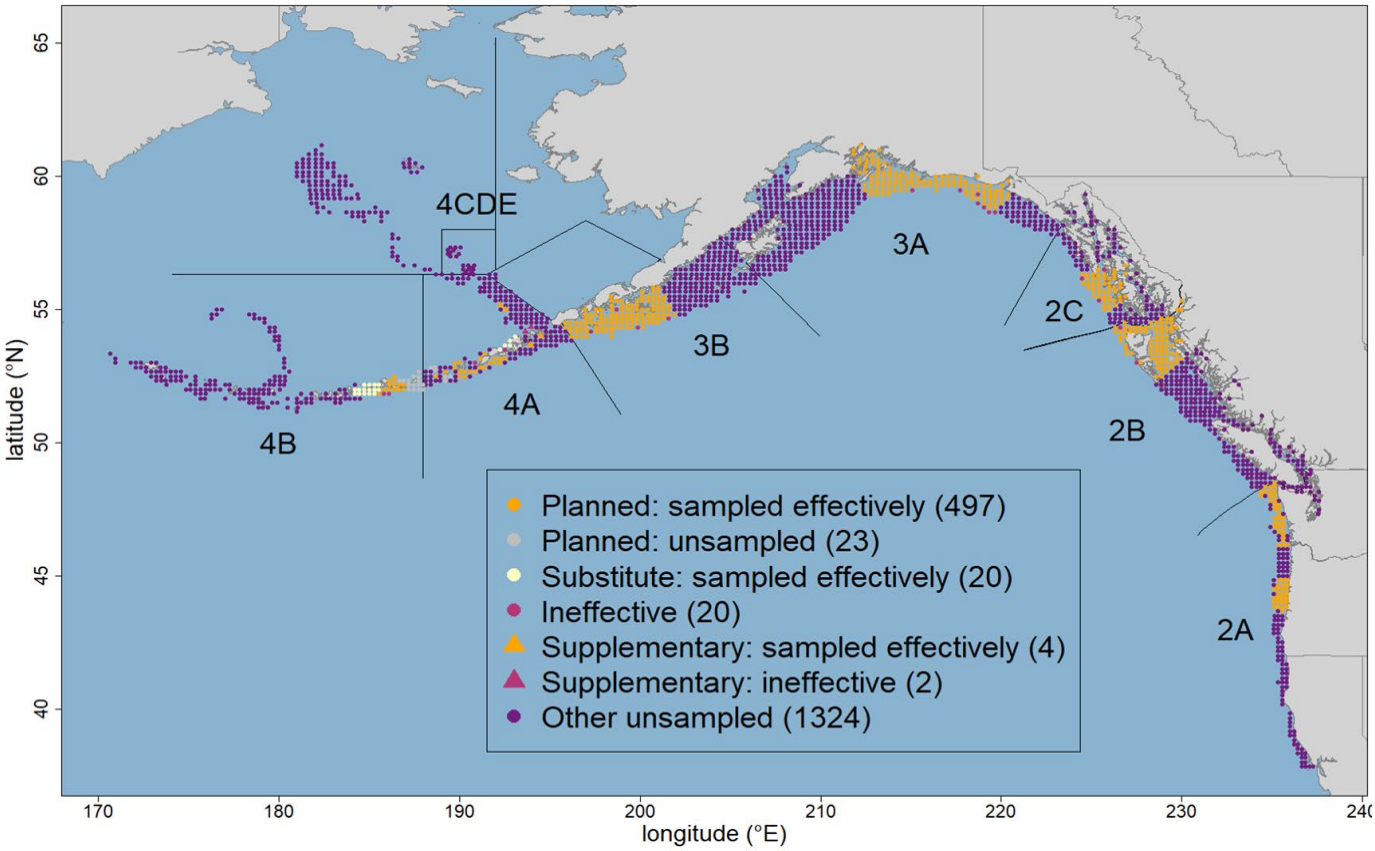

Figure 2. Map of the 2025 FISS design approved by the Commission on 8 November 2024 and implemented in 2025. Ineffective and planned unsampled stations are identified, while purple circles were not to be sampled in 2025. Supplementary sites refer to stations fished as part of the catch protection study.

46. The Commission **NOTED** that the interactive views of the 2025 FISS results (including all prior years) were made publicly available via the IPHC website on 31 October 2025: https://www.iphc.int/data/fiss-catch-per-unit-effort/.

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2025)

5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data

47. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-09 that provided the results of the space-time modelling of Pacific halibut survey data for the period 1993-2025.

48. The Commission **NOTED** Fig. 3 that shows the time series estimates of O32 weight per unit effort (WPUE) (most comparable to fishery catch-rates) over the 1993-2025 period included in the 2025 space-time modelling. Coastwide, the index was stable, with 0% estimated change since 2024. The index increased in IPHC Biological Regions 3 and 4 but declined in Region 2.

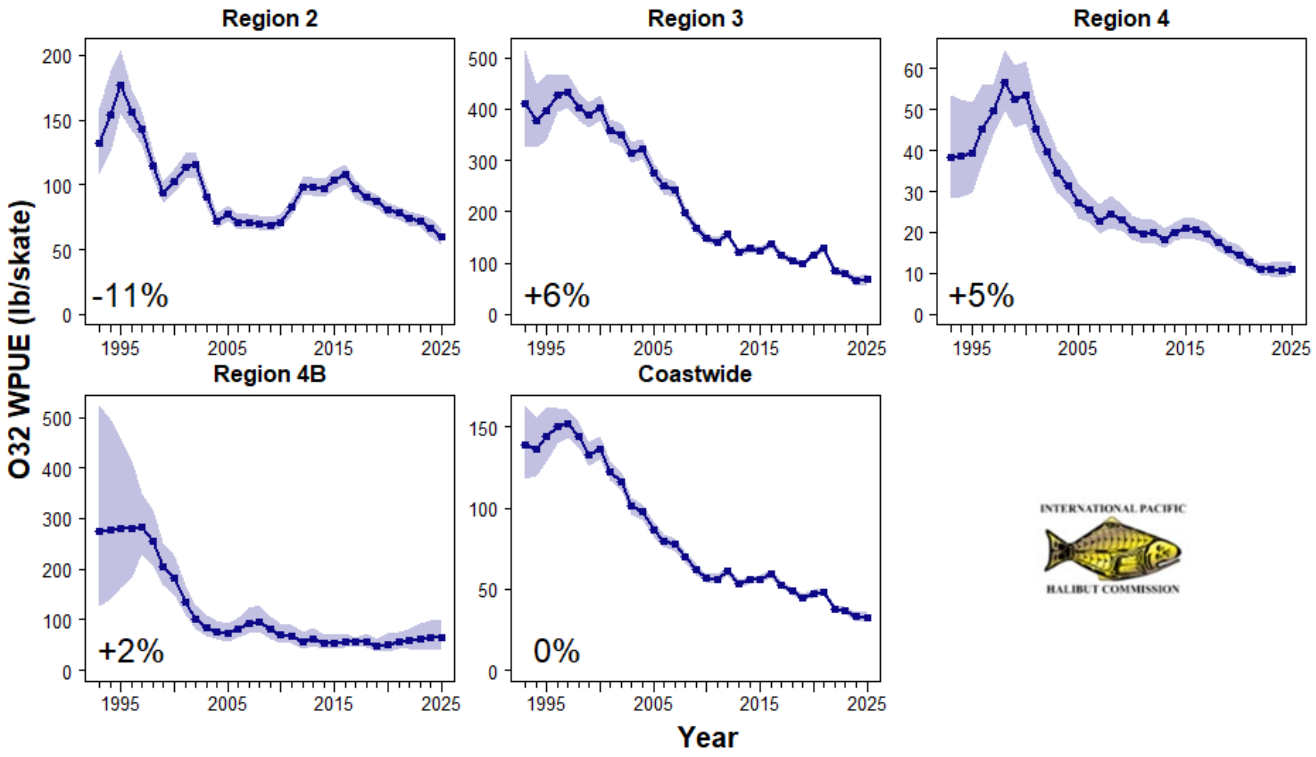

Figure 3. Space-time model output for O32 WPUE for 1993-2025 for Biological Regions. Filled circles denote the posterior means of O32 WPUE for each year. Shaded regions show posterior 95% credible intervals, which provide a measure of uncertainty: the wider the shaded interval, the greater the uncertainty in the estimate. Numeric values in the lower left-hand corners are estimates of the change in mean O32 WPUE from 2024 to 2025.

49. The Commission **NOTED** the 2025 FISS data resulted in a likely decrease in bias from 2023 and 2024 years (slides 8-10) in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A, 4A and 4B. When areas are not sampled, the model uses the best information available – that is, when the station was last sampled or data from adjacent areas. Uncertainty in station predictions increases with increasing distance in time and space from observed data.

5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2025)

50. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-10, that provided the Commission with a summary of the data, stock assessment at the end of 2025.

51. The Commission **NOTED** that:

a) the 2025 stock assessment represents a full assessment, following updates conducted in 2023 and 2024;

b) in addition to standard updates to software and extensions to existing data sets, a range of alternative approaches and SRB recommendations were conducted;

c) the most important change included in the 2025 stock assessment was updating the maturity ogive to reflect the recent histology-based estimates produced by the IPHC's Biological and Ecosystem Sciences Branch;

d) in contrast to the 2023 and 2024 stock assessments, the directed commercial fishery logbook trend information was largely consistent with the FISS information and did not show a divergent effect on model results;

e) 2025 stock assessment estimates of spawning biomass were slightly larger than those estimated in the 2024 stock assessment but showed a similar trend overall.

52. The Commission **NOTED** that the IPHC's interim management procedure specifies a reference level of fishing intensity of F43% (SPR=43%); this equates to the level of fishing that would reduce the lifetime spawning output per recruit to 43% of the unfished level given current biology, fishery characteristics and demographics. The historical time-series of fishing intensity is estimated to have peaked in the period from 2004-2011. The 2025 fishing intensity is estimated to be F52% (credible interval: 38-70%; Table 1), below both the current and previous (F46%) reference levels and the values estimated for 2023 and 2024. Comparing the relative spawning biomass and fishing intensity over the recent historical period shows that the relative spawning biomass decreased as fishing intensity increased through 2010, then subsequently increased as fishing intensity was reduced (Fig. 4).

Table 1. Status summary of the Pacific halibut stock and fishery in the IPHC Convention Area at beginning of 2026.

Indicators	Values	Trends	Status
BIOLOGICAL			
SPR_{2025}: $P(SPR_{2025}<43\%)$: $P(SPR_{2025}<limit)$:	52% (38-70%)[2] 19% <1%	FISHING INTENSITY REDUCED FROM 2024 TO 2025	**FISHING INTENSITY BELOW REFERENCE AND LIMIT SPRS**
SB_{2026} (MLBS): SB_{2026}/SB_0: $P(SB_{2026}<SB_{30})$: $P(SB_{2026}<SB_{20})$:	166 (113–272) Mlbs 38% (21-57%) 28% 1%	SB INCREASED 7% FROM 2025 TO 2026	**NOT OVERFISHED**
Biological stock distribution:	SEE TABLES AND FIGURES	REGION 3 INCREASED, REGION 2 DECREASED FROM 2024 TO 2025	**REGION 4 AT THE HIGHEST OBSERVED PROPORTION**
FISHERY CONTEXT			
Total mortality 2025: Percent retained 2025: Average mortality 2021-25:	28.80 Mlbs, 13,063 t[1] 81% 34.58 Mlbs, 15,687 t	MORTALITY DECREASED FROM 2024 TO 2025	**2025 WAS THE LOWEST MORTALITY IN 100 YEARS**

[1] Weights in this document are reported as 'net' weights, head and guts removed; this is approximately 75% of the round (wet) weight.

[2] Ranges denote approximate 95% credible intervals from the stock assessment ensemble.

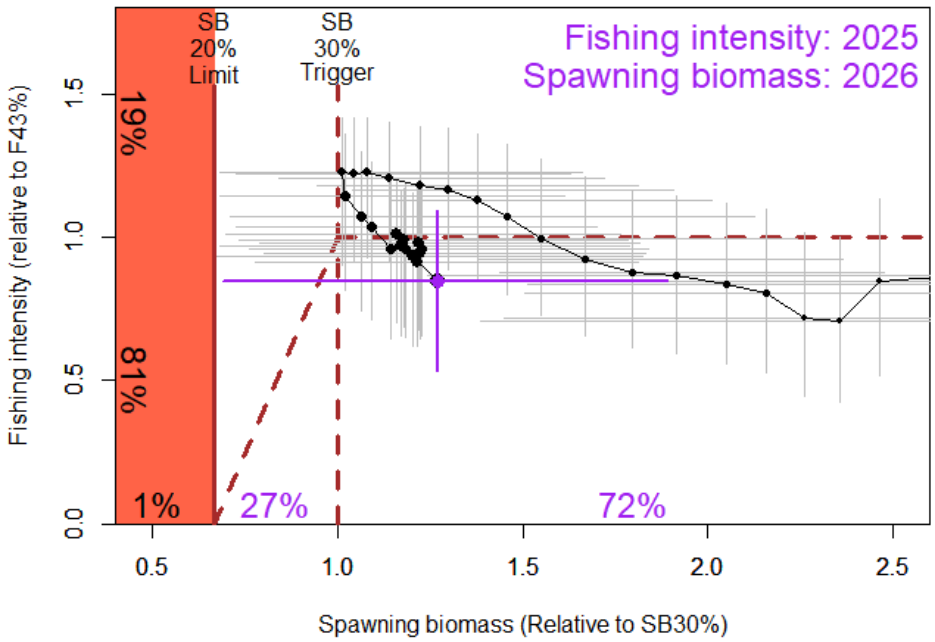

Figure 4. Phase plot showing the estimated time-series of spawning biomass (1993-2026) and fishing intensity (1992-2025) relative to the reference points specified in the IPHC's interim management procedure. Dashed lines indicate the current $F_{43\%}$ (horizontal) reference fishing intensity, with linear reduction below the $SB_{30\%}$ (vertical) trigger; the red area indicates relative spawning biomass levels below the $SB_{20\%}$ limit. Each year of the time series is denoted by a solid point (credible intervals by horizontal and vertical whiskers), with the relative fishing intensity in 2025 and spawning biomass at the beginning of 2026 shown as the largest point (purple). Percentages along the y-axis indicate the probability of being above and below $F_{43\%}$ in 2025; percentages on the x-axis indicate the probabilities of being below $SB_{20\%}$, between $SB_{20\%}$ and $SB_{30\%}$, and above $SB_{30\%}$ at the beginning of 2026.

53. The Commission **NOTED** the following scientific advice from the IPHC Secretariat (table and figure references are those in paper IPHC-2026-AM102-10):

Sources of mortality: *In 2025, total Pacific halibut mortality due to fishing decreased to 28.80 million pounds (13,063 t), below the 5-year average of 34.58 million pounds (15,687 t), largely due to a 16%TCEY reduction from 2024 to 2025. Of that total mortality, 81% was retained and utilized across all fishery sectors (Table 2); this is lower than the percent utilized in 2021 to 2024 which ranged from 83% to 87%.*

Fishing intensity: *The 2025 fishing mortality corresponded to a point estimate of SPR = 52%; there is a 19% chance that fishing intensity exceeded the IPHC's reference level of $F_{43\%}$ (Table 2). There is a <1% chance that the 2025 fishing intensity exceeded the Commission's overfishing limit and MSY-proxy of $F_{35\%}$.*

Stock status (spawning biomass): *Current (beginning of 2025) female spawning biomass is estimated to be 166 million pounds (73,300 t), which corresponds to a 28% chance of being below the IPHC trigger reference point of $SB_{30\%}$, and a <1% chance of being below the IPHC limit reference point of $SB_{20\%}$. The stock is estimated to have declined 34% from 2016 to 2024, then increased by 8% to the beginning of 2026. The relative spawning biomass (compared to the biomass projected to be present at the beginning of 2025 in the absence of any fishing) is currently estimated to be 38%, after reaching the lowest point in the recent time series (30%) in 2011. Therefore, the stock is considered to be '**not overfished**'.*

Stock distribution: *After increases in 2020-2021, the proportion of the coastwide stock represented by Biological Region 3 has increased in 2025 but remains near the lowest observed in the time-series, (Table 1). This trend occurs in tandem with a decrease in Biological Region 2. The proportion of the stock in both Biological Regions 4 and 4B has been increasing; however,*

little FISS sampling in Biological Region 4B in 2023-25 has resulted in increased uncertainty in both the trend and scale of the stock distribution in this Region.

Additional risks not included in this analysis: *Directed commercial fishery catch rates coastwide, and in nearly all IPHC Regulatory Areas were at or near the lowest observed in the last 40 years. The absolute level of spawning biomass is also estimated to be near the lowest observed since the 1970s. The directed commercial fishery transitioned from the 2005 year-class to the 2012 year-class in 2022, and to the 2016 and 2017 year-classes in 2025. This shift from older to younger (and smaller fish) has contributed to observed reduced catch rates. The current spawning stock is heavily reliant on the 2012, 2016 and 2017 year-classes. Environmental conditions continue to be unpredictable, with important deviations from historical patterns in both oceanographic and biological processes observed across the stock range in the last decade.*

6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation & Harvest Strategy Policy

54. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-11 that provided the Commission with MSE results completed in 2025, a Harvest Strategy Policy (HSP) table, and an MSE/HSP Program of Work for 2026.

55. The Commission **RECALLED** that a Harvest Strategy Policy (HSP) was adopted by the Commission in late 2025. The HSP can be found at https://www.iphc.int/research-monitoring/harvest-strategy-policy.

56. The Commission **NOTED** that the 2026 MSE and HSP Program of Work will include the following high-priority topics:

    a) Update and recondition the MSE Operating Model in accordance with the schedule defined in the Harvest Strategy Policy;

    b) Evaluate a range of SPR values to determine if the optimal reference coastwide fishing intensity is different than the current reference fishing intensity (F43%) defined in the HSP;

    c) Investigate productivity regimes to determine how the Pacific halibut population and fisheries respond to different productivity regimes, if the optimal reference fishing intensity differs across productivity regimes, and how productivity regimes may be incorporated into a Management Procedure;

    d) Further develop the Depleted concept and identify a limit reference point below which recovery of the Pacific halibut population would be uncertain.

57. The Commission **NOTED** that the 2026 MSE and HSP Program of Work will include the following low-priority topics, which may not be completed before AM103:

    a) Improve the estimation model used in the MSE framework to better characterize the stock assessment in the simulations;

    b) Evaluate potential management actions to invoke when approaching a depleted limit reference point;

    c) Evaluate additional elements of Management Procedures which may include a triennial assessment frequency, constraints and smoothers on the interannual change in the TCEY, and empirical rules to determine the reference TCEY in years without a stock assessment;

    d) Determine reference points using the updated MSE Operating Model (e.g. F_{MSY} and MSY);

    e) Develop guidance documents for the Harvest Strategy Policy (e.g. specifications of a rebuilding plan).

58. The Commission **NOTED** that the 2026 MSE and HSP Program of Work should not include topics related to the distribution of the TCEY, as this is part of the decision-making process and not part of the management procedure, as described in the Harvest Strategy Policy.

59. The Commission **NOTED** that outcomes of the 2026 MSE workplan (e.g. an optimal fishing intensity) may be used to update the Harvest Strategy Policy in the future.

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2026

7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2026-2028

60. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-12 that provided the Commission with short-term (3-year) stock projections and the harvest decision table for 2026-2028 (Table 2; Fig. 5).

61. The Commission **NOTED** the following outlook for the stock provided by the IPHC Secretariat (table and figure references are those in paper IPHC-2026-AM102-12):

> ***Outlook.*** *Projections indicate that the spawning biomass would increase in the absence of any fishing mortality, with risks of stock decline over one and three years both less than 1/100 (Table 1, Figure 1). At the status quo coastwide TCEY (29.72 million pounds; Table 2), risks of stock decrease over one and three years are 15/100 and 18/100. For all harvest levels that exceed the three-year surplus (38.95 million pounds) risks of stock decline are larger than 50/100 and reaching 91/100 for the coastwide TCEY that is projected to correspond to the F35% Overfishing limit/MSY proxy harvest level in 2026. Alternative harvest levels around the status quo (+/- 5 and 10%) are projected to result in levels of fishing intensity ranging from F54% to F48%, at or lower than those estimated in recent years. The reference level of fishing mortality (F43%) corresponds to a TCEY equal to the three-year surplus, which is approximately 30% greater than the current status quo. The probability of a reduction in the coastwide TCEY in order to maintain a fishing intensity no greater than F43% over the next three years is projected to be 53/100.*

Table 2. Harvest decision table for 2026-2028 mortality limits. Columns correspond to yield alternatives and rows to risk metrics. Values in the table represent the probability, in "times out of 100" (or percent chance) of a particular risk.

2026 Alternative					Status quo -10%	Status quo -5%	Status quo	Status quo +5%	Status quo +10%	$F_{46\%}$	3-Year Surplus / $F_{43\%}$	MEY proxy	Overfishing limit	
Total mortality (M lb)			0.0	21.9	28.6	30.1	31.6	33.1	34.6	37.0	40.8	45.1	53.7	
TCEY (M lb)			0.0	20.0	26.8	28.2	29.7	31.2	32.7	35.1	39.0	43.3	51.9	
2026 fishing intensity			$F_{100\%}$	$F_{62\%}$	$F_{54\%}$	$F_{52\%}$	$F_{51\%}$	$F_{49\%}$	$F_{48\%}$	$F_{46\%}$	$F_{43\%}$	$F_{40\%}$	$F_{35\%}$	
Fishing intensity interval			--	47-77%	39-71%	37-70%	36-69%	34-68%	33-67%	31-65%	28-62%	26-59%	22-54%	
Stock Trend (spawning biomass)	in 2027	is less than 2026	<1	3	10	12	15	18	22	28	40	54	80	a
		is 5% less than 2026	<1	<1	1	1	2	2	3	4	8	14	32	b
	in 2028	is less than 2026	<1	2	8	10	13	16	19	26	38	54	82	c
		is 5% less than 2026	<1	<1	2	3	4	5	7	10	17	28	55	d
	in 2029	is less than 2026	<1	3	11	14	18	22	27	35	50	68	91	e
		is 5% less than 2026	<1	1	5	6	8	11	13	19	30	46	77	f
Stock Status (Spawning biomass)	in 2027	is less than 30%	24	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	27	g
		is less than 20%	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	h
	in 2028	is less than 30%	14	22	23	24	24	24	24	25	25	26	27	i
		is less than 20%	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1	2	3	j
	in 2029	is less than 30%	5	17	20	21	22	22	23	23	24	25	27	k
		is less than 20%	<1	<1	<1	<1	1	1	1	1	2	3	6	l
Fishery Trend (TCEY)	in 2027	is less than 2026	0	<1	11	16	20	25	30	37	49	60	75	m
		is 10% less than 2026	0	<1	4	9	10	14	18	25	35	47	65	n
	in 2028	is less than 2026	0	<1	11	15	20	24	29	37	50	61	78	o
		is 10% less than 2026	0	<1	4	10	10	14	18	25	36	49	68	p
	in 2029	is less than 2026	0	1	11	15	10	25	30	39	53	65	82	q
		is 10% less than 2026	0	<1	5	10	11	15	19	26	39	53	73	r
Fishery Status (Fishing intensity)	in 2026	is above $F_{43\%}$	0	<1	13	18	23	27	32	39	50	60	73	s
		is above $F_{35\%}$	0	<1	<1	1	2	4	6	11	21	32	50	s

Terms: *Constant Exploitation Yield (CEY)*: A specific concept from the IPHC's interim management procedure: the Total CEY (TCEY) is the current basis for Commission mortality limits. TCEY includes all sources and sizes of mortality, except discard mortality in non-directed fisheries less than 26 inches in length (66cm; U26). The Fishery CEY (FCEY) is the amount of yield for directed Pacific halibut fisheries as defined by IPHC Regulatory Area-specific catch agreements, where applicable. *Spawning Potential Ratio (SPR)*: A commonly used metric of fishing intensity. SPR is the ratio of the equilibrium spawning biomass per recruit given some level of fishing and the equilibrium spawning biomass per recruit in the absence of fishing. Sometimes referred to as SBR, relative Spawning Biomass per Recruit.

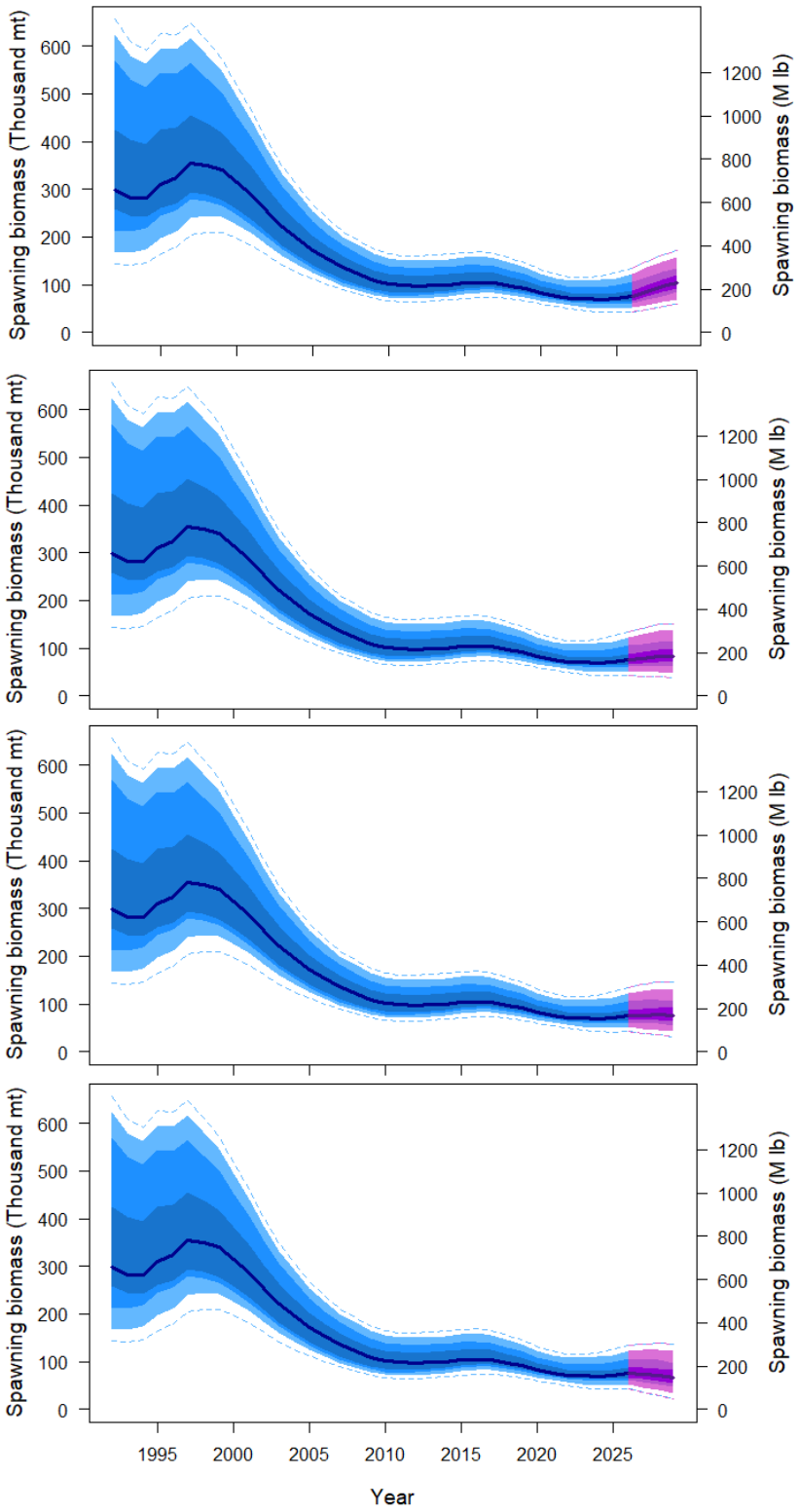

Figure 5. Three-year projections of stock trend under alternative levels of mortality: no fishing mortality (upper panel), the *status quo* coastwide TCEY set in 2025 (29.72 million pounds; second panel), the 3-year surplus and equivalent TCEY projected for the $F_{43\%}$ reference level of fishing intensity (38.95 million pounds, third panel) and the TCEY projected for the $F_{35\%}$ MSY proxy level of fishing intensity/overfishing limit (51.88 million pounds, bottom panel).

7.2 The IPHC mortality projection tool for 2026 mortality limits

62. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-INF02 that provided an updated description of the IPHC's web-based mortality projection tool (https://www.iphc.int/data/projection-tool) for setting mortality

limits in 2026. This tool provides all user groups the ability to create alternative projection tables as necessary for discussion and decision-making.

63. The Commission **NOTED** the historical TCEY decisions as provided in Table 3.

Table 3. Recent adopted TCEYs by IPHC Regulatory Area and coastwide (million pounds net).

Year	2A	2B	2C	3A	3B	4A	4B	4CDE	Total
2013	1.11	7.78	5.02	17.07	5.87	2.43	1.93	4.28	45.48
2014	1.11	7.64	5.47	12.05	3.73	1.56	1.49	3.58	36.65
2015	1.06	7.91	6.20	13.00	3.72	1.96	1.53	4.27	39.63
2016	1.26	8.24	6.54	12.75	3.41	1.95	1.37	4.07	39.59
2017	1.47	8.32	7.04	12.96	3.98	1.80	1.34	3.84	40.74
2018	1.32	7.10	6.34	12.54	3.27	1.74	1.28	3.62	37.21
2019	1.65	6.83	6.34	13.50	2.90	1.94	1.45	4.00	38.61
2020	1.65	6.83	5.85	12.20	3.12	1.75	1.31	3.90	36.60
2021	1.65	7.00	5.80	14.00	3.12	2.05	1.40	3.98	39.00
2022	1.65	7.56	5.91	14.55	3.90	2.10	1.45	4.10	41.22
2023	1.65	6.78	5.85	12.08	3.67	1.73	1.36	3.85	36.97
2024	1.65	6.47	5.79	11.36	3.45	1.61	1.25	3.70	35.28
2025	1.65	5.45	5.22	9.08	2.86	1.34	1.04	3.08	29.72

64. The Commission **RECALLED** that the Pacific halibut mortality projections for 2026 continue to be the three-year average of non-directed discard estimates (bycatch), as adjusting directed fishery limits to account for full regulatory attainment of non-directed discards in the U.S.A. and Canada would result in reduced directed fishery values (as reported in the mortality projection tool). Subsistence harvest and recreational harvest not included in catch sharing plans/agreements are projected based on estimates for the most recent year (2025).

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2026-2028

8.1 2026-28 FISS design evaluation

65. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-13 that provided an optimal long-term FISS design, the approved 2026 FISS design, and discussed the potential for biases that may result from non-optimal FISS designs.

66. The Commission **RECALLED** that the primary purpose of the annual FISS is to sample Pacific halibut to provide data for the stock assessment (abundance indices, biological data) and estimates of stock distribution to inform spatial management decisions. The priority of the current rationalised FISS is therefore to maintain or enhance data quality (precision and bias) by establishing baseline sampling requirements in terms of station count, station distribution, and skates per station. Potential considerations that could add to or modify the design are logistics and cost (secondary design layer), FISS removals (impact on the stock), data collection assistance for other agencies, and IPHC policies (tertiary design layer) (Table 4).

Table 4. Prioritization of FISS objectives and corresponding design layers.

Priority	Objective	Design Layer
Primary	Sample Pacific halibut for stock assessment and stock distribution estimation.	Minimum sampling requirements in terms of: • Station distribution; • Station count; • Skates per station.
Secondary	Cost effectiveness without compromising the scientific integrity of the FISS design.	Logistics, cost, scientific integrity: operational feasibility and cost/revenue, and scientific needs. With an aspirational target reserve of US$4,000,000.

Tertiary	Minimize removals, and assist others where feasible on a cost-recovery basis.	Removals: minimize impact on the stock while meeting primary priority; Assist: assist others to collect data on a cost-recovery basis; IPHC policies: ad-hoc decisions of the Commission regarding the FISS design.

67. The Commission **NOTED** that the FISS sampling provides key information for stock assessment and management, including:
    a) Coastwide and Biological Region-specific trends in numbers and biomass;
    b) Demographic data, including length, age, sex, and individual weights;
    c) Distributional estimates by Biological Region and IPHC Regulatory Area.
68. The Commission **NOTED** the importance of broad spatial coverage across Biological Regions, IPHC Regulatory Areas, and key habitats within Regulatory Areas in order to ensure that fishery-independent information from the FISS leads to estimates with minimal bias.
69. The Commission **NOTED** the Secretariat's advice that:
    a) FISS sampling designs should not be based only on a target CV range, but should include consideration of potential bias, where large contiguous areas may not be annually sampled, as well as comprehensive and representative sampling of biological data to ensure that trends are interpreted accurately with regard to year-class strengths and size-at-age.
    b) target CV ranges and sampling in general should include greater precision for the core areas of the stock (e.g. a CV of no more than 5%), in order to prioritize information from areas that have the greatest influence on coastwide trends and could have lower precision (e.g. a CV of 15-25%) in IPHC Regulatory Areas at the edges of the range.
70. The Commission **RECALLED** that the final 2026 FISS design was adopted at the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101) (IPHC-2025-IM101-R):

    (para. 33) *The Commission ADOPTED the Supplemented Reduced Loss design (Option 2) for the 2026 FISS as provided in Appendix IV, NOTING that other charter regions may be added before the end of January 2026.*
71. The Commission **RECALLED** that supplementary funding is needed to sustain the FISS, at least in the near-term, and to continue to explore options for funding, e.g. from Contracting Parties and/or external partners.
72. The Commission **NOTED** that the use of the Base Block Design will be the focus of future planning and annual FISS proposals from the Secretariat.
73. The Commission **NOTED** that recent reductions in the FISS design will require several years of the Base Block Design or greater sampling effort to reduce uncertainty and potential for bias to levels consistent with historical FISS standards.
74. The Commission **NOTED** that the Base Block design option reduces the bias potential in estimates from IPHC Regulatory Area 3A relative to the Supplemented Reduced Loss design, as it includes more charter regions that have not been sampled since 2023 or 2024 (four vs one).
75. The Commission **ADOPTED** a revised 2026 FISS design (Fig. 6) on the understanding that vessel availability, bids received, additional bait needs, and field staff recruitment may impact operational feasibility (options refer to those in IPHC-2026-AM102-13, Appendix A, Table A.1) (total FISS stations 717 for 2026):
    a) Option 2: Supplemented Reduced Loss design (692 stations previously agreed to at IM101; para. 66);
    b) Option 4: IPHC Regulatory Area 3A: Replace Prince William Sound (67 stations) with Gore Point (48 stations);
    c) Option 5: IPHC Regulatory Area 3A: Replace Yakutat (64 stations) with Fairweather (51 stations);

d) Option 6: IPHC Regulatory Area 2B: Add Goose Island (57 stations).

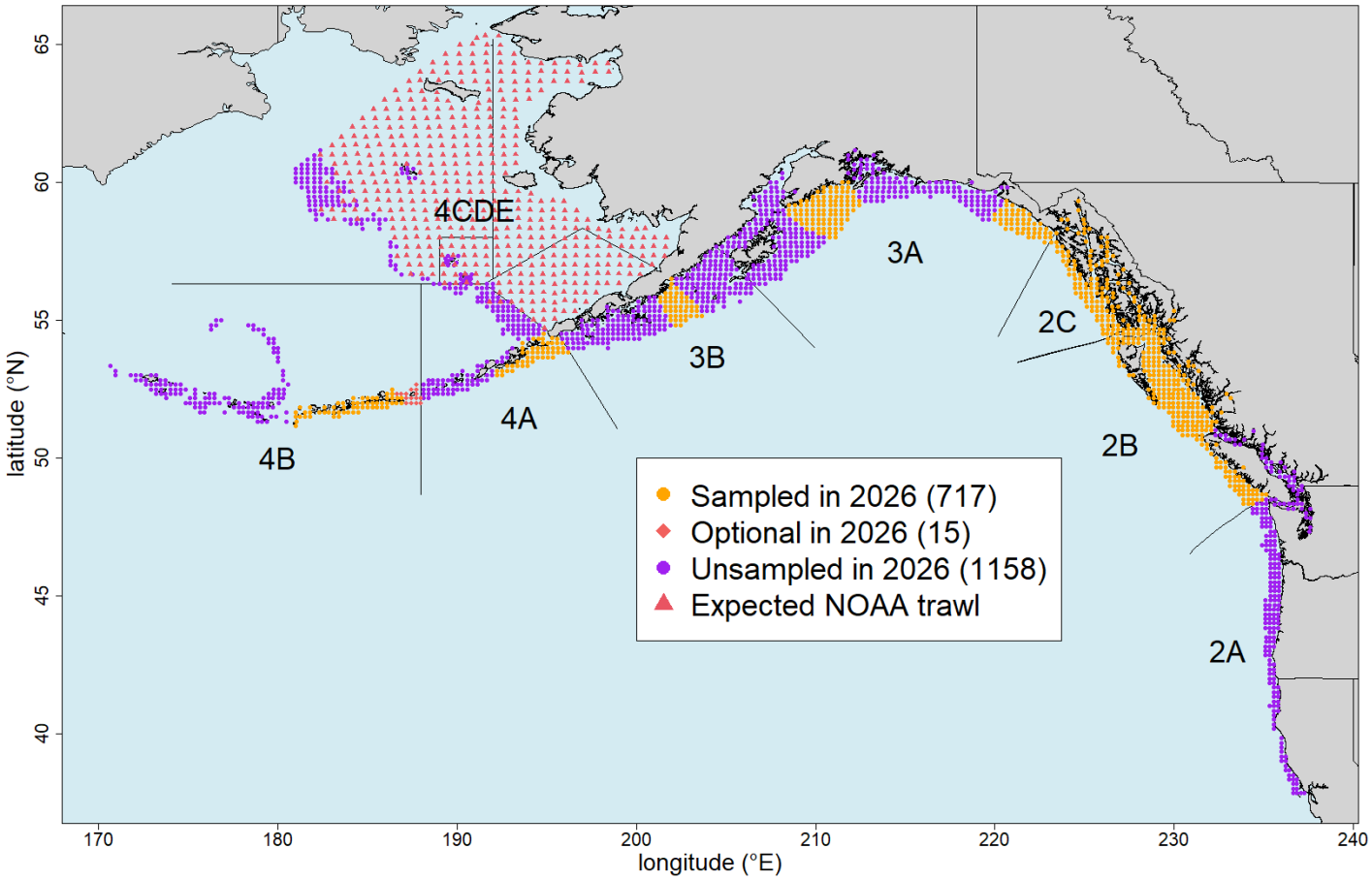

Figure 6. The AM102 approved 2026 FISS design (orange circles).

FISS bid specifications and tenders

76. The Commission **NOTED** that the IPHC Secretariat is soliciting tenders for the 2026 FISS (released 19 December 2025 (IPHC-2025-MR019), with tenders due by 1 February 2026 [extended to 8 February 2026]), and that tender specifications incorporated standard wording for amendments that the Commission may make at any time prior to the FISS season commencing. The Secretariat welcomes bids from both fixed-gear and snap-gear vessels. The tender process follows standard U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) guidelines and is available on the IPHC website for transparency and accountability purposes.

77. The Commission **NOTED** that the final endorsed FISS design for 2026 may undergo further modification depending on the outcome of the tender bid process, as well as any unforeseen in-season logistical issues that IPHC contracted vessels encounter throughout 2026 (e.g. weather, mechanical issues, etc.).

9. BIOLOGICAL AND ECOSYSTEM SCIENCES – PROJECT UPDATES

9.1 Report on current and future biological and ecosystem science research activities

78. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-14 that provided a description of the biological and ecosystem science research projects conducted and planned by the IPHC Secretariat and contemplated within the Five-Year Program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-2026).

79. The Commission **NOTED** that primary biological and ecological research activities at the IPHC that follow Commission objectives are identified and described in the IPHC Five-Year Program of Integrated Research and Monitoring (2022-2026). These activities are integrated with stock assessment (SA) and the management strategy evaluation (MSE) processes and are summarized in five main areas, as follows:

a) ***Migration and Population Dynamics***. Studies are aimed at improving current knowledge of Pacific halibut migration and population dynamics throughout all life stages in order to achieve a complete understanding of stock structure and distribution across the entire distribution range of Pacific halibut in the North Pacific Ocean and the biotic and abiotic factors that influence it.

b) ***Reproduction***. Studies are aimed at providing information on the sex ratio of the commercial catch and to improve current estimates of maturity and fecundity.

c) ***Growth***. Studies are aimed at describing the role of factors responsible for the observed changes in size-at-age and at evaluating growth and physiological condition in Pacific halibut.

d) ***Mortality and Survival Assessment***. Studies are aimed at providing updated estimates of discard mortality rates in the guided recreational fisheries and at evaluating methods for reducing mortality of Pacific halibut.

e) ***Fishing Technology***. Studies are aimed at developing methods that involve modifications of fishing gear with the purpose of reducing Pacific halibut mortality due to depredation and bycatch.

10. IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: PROPOSALS FOR THE 2025-26 PROCESS

10.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals

80. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-15 that provided an overview of the IPHC Fishery Regulations proposals that the IPHC Secretariat, Contracting Parties, and other stakeholders have submitted for consideration at the AM102.

10.1.1 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)

81. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropA1, that provided the mortality and fishery limits framework for population at the AM102 (Appendix VIII). *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

82. The Commission **ADOPTED** the distributed mortality limits for each Contracting Party, by IPHC Regulatory Area (Table 5), and sector, as provided for in Appendix VIII. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

83. The Commission **NOTED** that the adopted mortality limits for 2026 correspond to a 14% probability of stock decline through 2027, and a 17% probability of stock decline through 2029.

84. The Commission **NOTED** that the adopted mortality limits for 2026 correspond to a fishing intensity of F51%, slightly higher than the fishing intensity estimate for 2025.

85. The Commission **NOTED** that the total adopted mortality limits for 2026 represent a 1.3% decrease from 2025. For the Contracting Parties this represents a 0.0% decrease for the USA and a 7.2% decrease for Canada.

Table 5. Adopted TCEY mortality limits for 2026

Contracting Party IPHC Regulatory Area	Mortality limit (TCEY) (mlbs)	Mortality limit (TCEY) (metric tonnes)	% change from 2025
Canada Total: 2B	**5.06**	**2,295**	**-7.2%**
USA: 2A	1.65	748	0.0%
USA: 2C	5.22	2,368	0.0%
USA: 3A	9.08	4,119	0.0%
USA: 3B	2.86	1,297	0.0%
USA: 4A	1.34	608	0.0%
USA: 4B	1.04	472	0.0%
USA: 4CDE	3.08	1,397	0.0%
United States of America Total	**24.27**	**11,009**	**0.0%**
Total (IPHC Convention Area)	**29.33**	**13,304**	**-1.3%**

86. The Commission **NOTED** that the FCEY values resulting from the adopted TCEY mortality limits, listed in Appendix VIII, are used by the Contracting Parties to determine fishery sector allocations, recognizing that each Contracting Party may implement more restrictive limits. The detailed projections by sector are provided in Table 6.

Table 6. Detailed 2026 projections, by sector, based on the adopted TCEY mortality limits from Table 5 (IPHC Regulatory Area).

	Sector	IPHC Regulatory Area								
		2A	**2B**	**2C**	**3A**	**3B**	**4A**	**4B**	**4CDE**	**Total**
1	**Non-FCEY commercial discards**	0.06	0.16	NA	NA	0.21	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.55
2	**Non-FCEY O26 Non-directed discards**	0.05	0.23	0.04	0.27	0.16	0.26	0.12	1.38	2.50
3	**Non-FCEY recreational**	NA	0.03	1.36	0.90	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	2.30
4	**Non-FCEY subsistence**	NA	0.41	0.25	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.81
5	**Total Non-FCEY**	0.12	0.82	1.66	1.28	0.38	0.33	0.12	1.45	6.15
6	**Commercial discards**	NA	NA	0.10	0.36	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.46
7	**Recreational**	0.62	0.64	0.65	1.47	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.38
8	**Subsistence**	0.01	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.01
9	**Commercial landings**	0.90	3.61	2.81	5.96	2.48	1.01	0.92	1.63	19.32
10	**Total FCEY**	1.54	4.24	3.56	7.80	2.48	1.01	0.92	1.63	23.18
							4C FCEY		0.76	
							4D FCEY		0.76	
							4E FCEY		0.12	
	TCEY	1.65	5.06	5.22	9.08	2.86	1.34	1.04	3.08	29.33
	U26 Non-directed discards	0.01	0.10	0.00	0.22	0.12	0.15	0.02	1.18	1.80
	Total	1.66	5.16	5.22	9.30	2.98	1.49	1.06	4.26	31.13

1st row: Commercial discards include all discard mortality estimated due to the 32" minimum size limit, lost gear, and legal-sized discards associated with quota attainment. Estimates not included in the FCEY due to the IPHC Regulatory Area Catch Sharing Plans/Agreements.
2nd row: Non-directed commercial discards ('bycatch') not included in any IPHC Regulatory Area Catch Sharing Plans/Agreements.
3rd row: Recreational mortality not included in IPHC Regulatory Area Catch Sharing Plans/Agreements, 2B: discards only, 2C and 3A: unguided landings and discard mortality, 3B-4CDE: Recreational landings and discard mortality.
4th row: 2B-4CDE: Includes personal use and subsistence.
5th row: rounded total of rows 1-4.
6th row: 2C and 3A: Commercial discard mortality is included in the Catch Sharing Plans for these areas.
7th row: 2A: All recreational landings and discard mortality, 2B: Recreational landings, 2C and 3A: Guided recreational landings and discard mortality.
8th row: 2A only: Ceremonial and subsistence mortality
10th row: All mortality included in IPHC Regulatory Area Catch Sharing Plans/Agreements.

10.1.2 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)

87. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropA2, that provided the framework for setting fishing periods for the commercial Pacific halibut fisheries. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

Commercial fishing periods

88. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishing periods for 2026 as provided below, thereby superseding the relevant portions of Section 9 of the IPHC Pacific halibut fishery regulations (Appendix IX) by specifying that commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all IPHC Regulatory Areas may begin no earlier than 06:00 hrs local time on 26 March 2026 and must cease at 23:59 hrs local time on 7 December 2026. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

10.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals

10.2.1 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) (Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A (USA))

89. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB1, that included charter management measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A reflective of mortality limits adopted by the IPHC and resulting allocations under the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's (NPFMC) Pacific halibut Catch Sharing Plan (Appendix X). *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

10.2.2 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada)

90. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB2, with an amendment to limit the application to one (1) year. PropB2 proposed a daily bag limit of up to three fish per day per person in the recreational fishery in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B beginning on or after 1 August of each year. This provision shall remain in effect through 2026, unless extended by a vote of the Commission (Appendix XI). *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

10.2.3 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2A – Season opening dates for recreational fishery subareas within IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (USA)

91. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB3, that proposed opening the 2026 Regulatory Area 2A recreational fishery in the Convention waters of the Washington Puget Sound and the U.S.A. Convention waters in the Strait of Juan de Fuca subarea and in the Convention Waters off the California subareas on 2 April and on 1 April (Appendix XII) *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

10.3 Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals

10.3.1 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) – unguided sector bag limit (P. Odegaard)

92. The Commission **NOTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC1, that proposed an unguided recreational sector Pacific halibut daily bag limit reduction from two (2) fish to one (1) fish for all IPHC Regulatory Areas in Alaska.

93. The Commission **REQUESTED** that the Secretariat send a letter to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council transmitting copies of regulatory proposals C1 and C3 for the Council's awareness and consideration. The letter should inform the Council that the expansion of the unguided recreational harvest in Alaska prompted considerable feedback from IPHC stakeholders. In 2025 the final unguided harvest and removal estimate in Area 2C was 1.445 Mlb, compared to the preliminary removal estimate of 0.992 Mlb, and the increase is understood to be driven by growing harvest by anglers fishing from unguided rental boats. This poses both management and allocative concerns, particularly in light of the current low abundance of the halibut resource. Given the Council's important role in these matters, the Council may wish to consider measures to improve management and catch data collection for the unguided recreational sector of the Pacific halibut fishery.

10.3.2 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) – limited retention outside the commercial fishing period in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (R. Hauknes)

94. The Commission **ADOPTED** fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC2, with an amendment to limit the application to one (1) year. PropC2 proposed a three-year pilot program authorising limited retention of legal-sized Pacific halibut caught incidentally as bycatch outside the Pacific halibut commercial fishing period in year-round hook & line and trap groundfish fisheries in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada). As explicit regulatory language was not provided with the proposal, the Secretariat and Fisheries and Oceans Canada will convene in the coming days to develop specific regulatory language prior to the IPHC Fishery Regulations being finalized for implementation and enforcement. This measure will be applicable for a period of one (1) year, unless extended by a vote of the Commission. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

10.3.3 IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) – supporting information for unguided sector bag limit (C. Miller)

95. The Commission **NOTED** on fishery regulation proposal IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC3, that aimed to ensure that any proposed reduction to the unguided recreational Pacific halibut daily bag limit in Alaska is supported by region-specific biological and socio-economic information provided by the USA, and include analyses developed in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, prior to adoption by the Commission (see para. 93).

10.4 Stakeholder statements

96. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-INF01 Rev_1 that provided the Commission with a consolidated document containing comments from stakeholders on existing IPHC Fishery Regulations and published regulatory proposals submitted to the Commission for its consideration at the AM102.

11. CONTRACTING PARTY NATIONAL REPORTS

11.1 Canada

97. The Commission **NOTED** the Contracting Party report from Canada (IPHC Regulatory Area 2B; IPHC-2026-AM102-NR01 Rev_1).

11.1.1 United States of America

98. The Commission **NOTED** the Contracting Party report from the United States of America (IPHC Regulatory Areas 2A/2C/3/4; IPHC-2026-AM102-NR02 Rev_1).

12. REPORT OF THE 96TH SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB096)

99. The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 96th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB096) (IPHC-2026-CB096-R) that was presented by the Co-Chairpersons of the CB, Ms Linda Behnken (USA) and Mr Jim

Lane (Canada). A total of 57 (56 in 2025) member organisations attended the Session from the two (2) Contracting Parties.

13. REPORT OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY BOARD (PAB031)

100. The Commission **NOTED** the Report of the 31st Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB031) (IPHC-2026-PAB031-R) that was presented by the Chairperson of the PAB, Mr Norman Pillen (USA), and the Vice-Chairperson, Mr Bruce Hale. A total of 18 (21 in 2025) members attended the Session from the two (2) Contracting Parties.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2026-28)

101. The Commission **NOTED** paper IPHC-2026-AM102-16 that proposed dates and places for the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

102. The Commission **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED** the offer by Canada to host the 103rd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM103) in Victoria, BC, Canada, from 25-28 January 2027.

14.2 Election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next year

103. The Commission **NOTED** that the term of the current Chairperson, Mr Jon Kurland (U.S.A.), is due to expire at the closing of the current Session, and as per Rule 9 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2025) the Commission is required to elect a new Chairperson for the next year.

104. **NOTING** Rule 9 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2025), the Commission called for nominations for the newly vacated position of Chairperson of the IPHC for the next year. Mr Mark Waddell (Canada) was nominated, seconded, and **ELECTED** as Chairperson of the IPHC for the next year. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

105. The Commission **NOTED** that the term of the current Vice-Chairperson, Mr Neil Davis (Canada), is due to expire at the closing of the current Session, and as per Rule 9 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2024) the Commission is required to elect a new Vice-Chairperson for the next year.

106. **NOTING** Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure (2024), the Commission called for nominations for the newly vacated position of Vice-Chairperson of the IPHC for the next year. Mr Jon Kurland (U.S.A.) was nominated, seconded, and **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairperson of the IPHC for the next year. *[Canada/USA: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

15. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 102ND SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102)

107. The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC *Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2026)* as soon as possible, **NOTING** that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM102.

108. The Report of the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (IPHC-2026-AM102-R) was **ADOPTED** on 22 January 2026, including the consolidated set of recommendations and requests arising from AM102, provided at Appendix XIII. *[Canada: In favour=2; against=0; abstain=0; absent=1; USA: In favour=3; against=0; abstain=0; absent=0]*

APPENDIX I
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APPENDIX II
AGENDA FOR THE 102ND SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102)

Date: 19-22 January 2026
Location: Bellevue, WA, USA
Venue: Hyatt Regency Bellevue
Time (PST): 19th: 09:00-17:30; 20th: 09:00-10:30; 21st: 15:30-17:00; 22nd: 09:00-17:00
Chairperson: Mr Jon Kurland (USA)
Vice-Chairperson: Mr Neil Davis (Canada)

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION (Chairperson & Executive Director)

3. IPHC PROCESS

3.1 Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101) (D. Wilson)
3.2 Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)
3.3 Report of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) (MSAB Co-Chairpersons)
3.4 Report of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB) (SRB Chairperson)
3.5 Report of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB) (RAB Chairperson)
3.6 International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)
3.7 Report of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC Chairperson)

4. FISHERY MONITORING

4.1 Fishery-dependent data overview (2025)
  4.1.1 Port operations (M. Thom)
  4.1.2 Fisheries data (B. Hutniczak)
4.2 Fishery-independent data overview (2025)
  4.2.1 IPHC Fishery-Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025 (K. Ualesi)

5. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2025)

5.1 Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)
5.2 Stock Assessment: Data overview and stock assessment (2025)

6. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

6.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation & Harvest Strategy Policy (A. Hicks)

7. HARVEST DECISION TABLE 2026

7.1 Stock projections and harvest decision table 2026-2028 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)
7.2 The IPHC mortality projection tool for 2026 mortality limits (I. Stewart)

8. FISS DESIGN EVALUATIONS 2026-2028

8.1 2026-28 FISS design evaluation (R. Webster)

9. BIOLOGICAL AND ECOSYSTEM SCIENCES – PROJECT UPDATES

9.1 Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities (J. Planas)

10. IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: PROPOSALS FOR THE 2025-26 PROCESS

10.1 IPHC Secretariat fishery regulation proposals (B. Hutniczak)
10.2 Contracting Party fishery regulation proposals (Contracting Parties)
10.3 Stakeholder fishery regulation proposals (Stakeholders)
10.4 Stakeholder statements (B. Hutniczak)

11. CONTRACTING PARTY NATIONAL REPORTS

11.1 Canada
11.2 United States of America

12. REPORT OF THE 96th SESSION OF THE IPHC CONFERENCE BOARD (CB096) (CB Co-Chairpersons)

13. REPORT OF THE 31st SESSION OF THE IPHC PROCESSOR ADVISORY BOARD (PAB031) (PAB Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 IPHC meetings calendar (2026-28) (D. Wilson)
14.2 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the next year (D. Wilson)

15. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 102nd SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102) (Chairperson)

APPENDIX III
LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 102ND SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102)

Meeting documents	Title	Availability
IPHC-2026-AM102-01	Agenda & Schedule for the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102)	✓ 01 Oct 2025 ✓ 06 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-02	List of Documents for the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102)	✓ 20 Oct 2025 ✓ 20 Dec 2025 ✓ 14 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-AM102-03	Update on actions arising from the 101st Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM101), 2025 Special Sessions, intersessional decisions, and from the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101) (D. Wilson)	✓ 08 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-04 Rev_1	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2025) (D. Wilson & B. Hutniczak)	✓ 08 Dec 2025 ✓ 02 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-AM102-05	International Pacific Halibut Commission Integrated Research and Monitoring Plan (D. Wilson, J. Planas, I. Stewart, A. Hicks, B. Hutniczak, & R. Webster)	✓ 08 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-06	Port operations (2025) (M. Thom)	✓ 16 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-07 Rev_1	Fisheries data overview (2025) (B. Hutniczak, H. Tran, T. Kong, K. Sawyer van Vleck, & K. Magrane)	✓ 10 Dec 2025 ✓ 14 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-AM102-08	IPHC Fishery-independent setline survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2025 (K. Ualesi, T. Jack, & K. Coll)	✓ 12 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-09	Space-time modelling of survey data (R. Webster)	✓ 10 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-10	Data overview and stock assessment for Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) at the end of 2025 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster, D. Wilson)	✓ 11 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-11	IPHC Harvest Strategy Policy and Management Strategy Evaluation (A. Hicks, I. Stewart, & D. Wilson)	✓ 12 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-12	Stock projections and harvest decision table for 2026-2028 (I. Stewart & A. Hicks)	✓ 11 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-13	FISS Design 2026-28 (R. Webster, I. Stewart, K. Ualesi, T. Jack, & D. Wilson)	✓ 12 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-14	Report on Current and Future Biological and Ecosystem Science Research Activities (J. Planas)	✓ 10 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-15	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Proposals for the 2025-26 process (B. Hutniczak)	✓ 19 Dec 2025

IPHC-2026-AM102-16	IPHC 3-year meetings calendar (2026-28) (IPHC Secretariat)	✓ 08 Dec 2025
Contracting Party National Reports		
IPHC-2026-AM102-NR01 Rev_1	**Canada**: National Report (Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO))	✓ 19 Dec 2025 ✓ 23 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-NR02 Rev_1	**United States of America**: National Report (NOAA Fisheries)	✓ 19 Dec 2025 ✓ 12 Jan 2026
IPHC Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025-26		
IPHC Secretariat Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025-26		
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropA1	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Mortality and Fishery Limits (Sect. 5)	✓ 05 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropA2	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9)	✓ 05 Dec 2025
Contracting Party Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025-26		
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB1	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut – IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) (Charter Management Measures in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A (USA))	✓ 19 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB2	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Sect. 28) - Daily bag limit in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (Canada)	✓ 10 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropB3	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Area 2A – Season opening dates for recreational fishery subareas within IPHC Regulatory Area 2A (USA)	✓ 19 Dec 2025
Other Stakeholder Fishery Regulation proposals for 2025-26		
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC1	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) – unguided sector bag limit (P. Odegaard)	✓ 15 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC2	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Commercial Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) – limited retention outside the commercial fishing period in IPHC Regulatory Area 2B (R. Hauknes)	✓ 19 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-PropC3	IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) – supporting information for unguided sector bag limit (C. Miller)	✓ 19 Dec 2025

Information papers		
IPHC-2026-AM102-INF01 Rev_1	Stakeholder Statements on IPHC Fishery Regulations or published regulatory proposals (B. Hutniczak)	✓ 19 Dec 2025 ✓ 02 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-AM102-INF02	The IPHC mortality projection tool for 2026 mortality limits (I. Stewart)	✓ 11 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-INF03	Using artificial intelligence (AI) for supplementing Pacific halibut age determination from collected otoliths (B. Hutniczak, J. Forsberg, K. Sawyer Van Vleck, & K. Magrane)	✓ 05 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-AM102-INF04	Considerations relating to allowing year-round landings of Pacific halibut in Canada (I. Stewart, B. Hutniczak, A. Hicks, J. Planas, M. Thom, D. Wilson)	✓ 06 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-AM102-INF05	Consideration of potential efficiency gains for the IPHC's Conference Board (CB) and Processor Advisory Board (PAB) (IPHC Secretariat)	✓ 20 Dec 2025
Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies (2025-26)		
IPHC-2025-MSAB021-R	Report of the 21st Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB021)	✓ 15 May 2025
IPHC-2025-SRB026-R	Report of the 26th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB026)	✓ 12 Jun 2025
IPHC-2025-SRB027-R	Report of the 27th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB027)	✓ 18 Sept 2025
IPHC-2025-RAB026-R	Report of the 26th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB026)	✓ 20 Nov 2025
IPHC-2025-IM101-R	Report of the 101st Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM101)	✓ 04 Dec 2025
IPHC-2026-FAC102-R	Report of the 102nd Session of the IPHC Finance and Administration Committee (FAC102)	✓ 14 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-CB096-R	Report of the 96th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB096)	✓ 21 Jan 2026
IPHC-2026-PAB031-R	Report of the 31st Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB031)	✓ 21 Jan 2026

APPENDIX IV
FY2026 BUDGET: REVISED AND ADOPTED

(1 Oct. 2025 to 30 Sept. 2026)

FY2026: Proposed for AM102 amendment/adoption Account Number	10 - General FY2026	20 - Research FY2026	30 - Statistics FY2026	35 - AK Cost-Recovery FY2026	TOTAL (10,20,30, 35) FY2026	40 - FISS FY2026	TOTAL (All Funds) FY2026
Income							
40000 Contracting Party Contributions							
40000.01 - Canada	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,019,136.94	$ -	$ 1,019,136.94
40000.02 - United States of America	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ 4,642,734.94	$ -	$ 4,642,734.94
40000.03 - Canada supplementary	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
40000.04 - United States of America supplementary	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 513,000.00	$ 513,000.00
40000 - Contracting Party Contributions	**$3,216,701.87**	**$1,166,086.74**	**$1,119,598.18**	**$ 159,485.09**	**$ 5,661,871.88**	**$ 513,000.00**	**$ 6,174,871.88**
40055 - Headquartes (Lease and Maintenance)	$ 418,599.43	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 418,599.43	$ -	$ 418,599.43
40055 - Headquarters (Lease & Maintenance)	**$ 418,599.43**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 418,599.43**	**$ -**	**$ 418,599.43**
40060 Other Income							
40060.06 - Rent - Dutch Harbor	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,600.00	$ 5,600.00	$ -	$ 5,600.00
40060 - Other Income	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**
40100 Grants, Contracts & Agreements							
40100.01 - 802 - Directed Commercial Catch Sampling of Pacific halibut in Alaska	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 838,153.91	$ 838,153.91	$ -	$ 838,153.91
40100.02 - MoU WDFW Rockfish sampling	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 39,777.00	$ 39,777.00
40100.07 - 809 - BREP NA23	$ -	$ 35,158.26	$ -	$ -	$ 35,158.26	$ -	$ 35,158.26
40100.08 - 810 - Alaska Sea Grant	$ -	$ 8,890.63	$ -	$ -	$ 8,890.63	$ -	$ 8,890.63
40100 - Grants, Contracts & Agreements	**$ -**	**$ 44,048.89**	**$ -**	**$ 838,153.91**	**$ 882,202.80**	**$ 39,777.00**	**$ 921,979.80**
40200 Interest Income							
40200.01 - Bank Interest	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ 100,000.00
Total 40200 - Interest Income	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**
40350 Fish Sales							
40350.01 - Fish Sales - Pacific Halibut	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$2,519,000.00	$ 2,519,000.00
40350.02 - Fish Sales - Byproduct	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 102,000.00	$ 102,000.00
40350 - Fish Sales	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$2,621,000.00**	**$ 2,621,000.00**
Total Income	**$3,735,301.30**	**$1,210,135.63**	**$1,119,598.18**	**$ 1,003,239.00**	**$ 7,068,274.11**	**$3,173,777.00**	**$ 10,242,051.11**
Expense							
Personnel Expenses							
50000 - Salary & Wages	**$1,782,327.90**	**$ 672,461.58**	**$ 772,895.40**	**$ 564,576.00**	**$ 3,792,260.88**	**$ 796,763.48**	**$ 4,589,024.36**
50100 - Benefits	**$ 776,301.72**	**$ 268,535.28**	**$ 259,596.04**	**$ 188,882.81**	**$ 1,493,315.85**	**$ 203,203.20**	**$ 1,696,519.05**
50200 - Training & Education	**$ 33,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 3,500.00**	**$ 20,278.00**	**$ 56,778.00**	**$ 20,000.00**	**$ 76,778.00**
50300 - Personnel Related Expenses	**$ 5,249.29**	**$ 1,500.00**	**$ 2,200.00**	**$ 2,400.00**	**$ 11,349.29**	**$ 8,400.00**	**$ 19,749.29**
Total Personnel Expenses	**$2,596,878.91**	**$ 942,496.86**	**$1,038,191.44**	**$ 776,136.81**	**$ 5,353,704.02**	**$1,028,366.68**	**$ 6,382,070.70**
Operational Expenses							
5000 - Publications	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 12,500.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 17,500.00**	**$ -**	**$ 17,500.00**
51100 - Mailing and Shipping	**$ 4,968.00**	**$ 12,156.08**	**$ 1,100.00**	**$ 3,000.00**	**$ 21,224.08**	**$ 93,000.00**	**$ 114,224.08**
51200 - Travel	**$ 74,095.00**	**$ 27,500.00**	**$ 14,500.00**	**$ 23,750.00**	**$ 139,845.00**	**$ 110,000.00**	**$ 249,845.00**
51300 - IPHC Meetings	**$ 182,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 182,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 182,000.00**
51400 - Technology	**$ 137,000.00**	**$ 5,074.16**	**$ 47,390.00**	**$ 2,100.00**	**$ 191,564.16**	**$ 5,977.13**	**$ 197,541.28**
Total Operational Expenses	**$ 403,063.00**	**$ 57,230.23**	**$ 62,990.00**	**$ 28,850.00**	**$ 552,133.23**	**$ 208,977.13**	**$ 761,110.36**
Fees and Contract Expenses							
52000 - Professional Fees	**$ 252,643.01**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 3,546.02**	**$ 256,189.03**	**$ 1,000.00**	**$ 257,189.03**
52100 - Vessel Expenses	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 390,609.00**	**$ 390,609.00**
52200 - Other Fees and Charges	**$ 39,559.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 6,503.16**	**$ 46,062.16**	**$ 47,835.50**	**$ 93,897.66**
52300 - Leases and Contracts	**$ 9,500.00**	**$ 41,798.13**	**$ -**	**$ 16,254.20**	**$ 67,552.33**	**$1,382,000.00**	**$ 1,449,552.33**
54000 - Communications	**$ 26,300.00**	**$ -**	**$ 1,400.00**	**$ -**	**$ 27,700.00**	**$ 2,000.00**	**$ 29,700.00**
Total Fees and Contract Expenses	**$ 328,002.01**	**$ 41,798.13**	**$ 1,400.00**	**$ 26,303.38**	**$ 397,503.52**	**$1,823,444.50**	**$ 2,220,948.02**
Facilities and Equipment Expenses							
54000 - Equipment Expense	**$ 3,105.00**	**$ 5,175.00**	**$ 5,026.95**	**$ -**	**$ 13,306.95**	**$ 27,000.00**	**$ 40,306.95**
54000 - Supplies Expense	**$ 32,095.00**	**$ 163,276.29**	**$ 6,665.00**	**$ 17,300.00**	**$ 219,336.29**	**$ 472,000.00**	**$ 691,336.29**
54000 - Maintenance and Utilities	**$ 41,570.00**	**$ -**	**$ 1,293.75**	**$ 2,000.00**	**$ 44,863.75**	**$ 35,000.00**	**$ 79,863.75**
54000 - Facility Rentals	**$ 419,076.79**	**$ 159.12**	**$ 4,031.04**	**$ 24,220.28**	**$ 447,487.23**	**$ 17,983.44**	**$ 465,470.67**
Total Facilities and Equipment Expenses	**$ 495,846.79**	**$ 168,610.41**	**$ 17,016.74**	**$ 43,520.28**	**$ 724,994.22**	**$ 551,983.44**	**$ 1,276,977.66**
Other Expenses							
55000 - Budget Contingency	$ 39,939.12	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 39,939.12	$ -	$ 39,939.12
55250 - Indirect costs	$ (128,428.53)	$ -	$ -	$ 128,428.53	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Expenses	**$ (88,489.41)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 128,428.53**	**$ 39,939.12**	**$ -**	**$ 39,939.12**
Total Expense	**$3,735,301.30**	**$1,210,135.63**	**$1,119,598.18**	**$ 1,003,239.00**	**$ 7,068,274.11**	**$3,612,771.75**	**$ 10,681,045.85**
Net Income (Loss)	**$ 0.00**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$ (438,994.75)**	**$ (438,994.74)**

APPENDIX V
FY2027 BUDGET: ADOPTED

(1 Oct. 2026 to 30 Sept. 2027)

FY2027: Proposed for FAC102 Account Number	10 - General FY2027	20 - Research FY2027	30 - Statistics FY2027	35 - AK Cost-Recovery FY2027	TOTAL (10,20,30, 35) FY2027	40 - FISS FY2027	TOTAL (All Funds) FY2027
Income							
40000 Contracting Party Contributions							
40000.01 - Canada	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,070,093.78	$ -	$ 1,070,093.78
40000.02 - United States of America	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 4,874,871.69	$ -	$ 4,874,871.69
40000 - Contracting Party Contributions	**$ 3,495,720.59**	**$ 1,273,479.30**	**$ 1,175,765.58**	**$ -**	**$ 5,944,965.47**	**$ -**	**$ 5,944,965.47**
40055 - Headquartes (Lease and Maintenance)	$ 432,540.62	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 432,540.62	$ -	$ 432,540.62
40055 - Headquarters (Lease & Maintenance)	**$ 432,540.62**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 432,540.62**	**$ -**	**$ 432,540.62**
40060 Other Income							
40060.06 - Rent - Dutch Harbor	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,600.00	$ 5,600.00	$ -	$ 5,600.00
40060 - Other Income	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**
40100 Grants, Contracts & Agreements							
40100.01 - 802 - Directed Commercial Catch Sampling of Pacific halibut in Alaska	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,064,242.86	$ 1,064,242.86	$ -	$ 1,064,242.86
40100.02 - MoU WDFW Rockfish sampling	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 41,765.85	$ 41,765.85
40100 - Grants, Contracts & Agreements	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,064,242.86**	**$ 1,064,242.86**	**$ 41,765.85**	**$ 1,106,008.71**
40200 Interest Income							
40200.01 - Bank Interest	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ 100,000.00
Total 40200 - Interest Income	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**
40350 Fish Sales							
40350.01 - Fish Sales - Pacific Halibut	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,618,486.72	$ 2,618,486.72
40350.02 - Fish Sales - Byproduct	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 105,570.00	$ 105,570.00
40350 - Fish Sales	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 2,724,056.72**	**$ 2,724,056.72**
Total Income	**$ 4,028,261.21**	**$ 1,273,479.30**	**$ 1,175,765.58**	**$ 1,069,842.86**	**$ 7,547,348.95**	**$ 2,765,822.57**	**$ 10,313,171.52**
Expense							
Personnel Expenses							
50000 - Salary & Wages	**$ 1,871,144.30**	**$ 706,084.66**	**$ 811,540.17**	**$ 592,804.80**	**$ 3,981,573.92**	**$ 836,526.65**	**$ 4,818,100.58**
50100 - Benefits	**$ 846,565.18**	**$ 290,401.64**	**$ 277,990.89**	**$ 204,125.71**	**$ 1,619,083.42**	**$ 220,095.04**	**$ 1,839,178.46**
50200 - Training & Education	**$ 33,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 3,622.50**	**$ 21,514.96**	**$ 58,137.46**	**$ 20,700.00**	**$ 78,837.46**
50300 - Personnel Related Expenses	**$ 5,380.51**	**$ -**	**$ 2,300.00**	**$ 2,700.00**	**$ 10,380.51**	**$ 8,694.00**	**$ 19,074.51**
Total Personnel Expenses	**$ 2,756,089.99**	**$ 996,486.30**	**$ 1,095,453.56**	**$ 821,145.47**	**$ 5,669,175.31**	**$ 1,086,015.70**	**$ 6,755,191.01**
Operational Expenses							
5000 - Publications	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 12,937.50**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 17,937.50**	**$ -**	**$ 17,937.50**
51100 - Mailing and Shipping	**$ 5,141.88**	**$ 12,581.54**	**$ 1,155.00**	**$ 3,150.00**	**$ 22,028.42**	**$ 96,255.00**	**$ 118,283.42**
51200 - Travel	**$ 76,635.83**	**$ 28,462.50**	**$ 15,225.00**	**$ 32,100.60**	**$ 152,423.93**	**$ 113,850.00**	**$ 266,273.93**
51300 - IPHC Meetings	**$ 171,795.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 171,795.00**	**$ -**	**$ 171,795.00**
51400 - Technology	**$ 141,795.00**	**$ 5,251.75**	**$ 49,759.50**	**$ 2,205.00**	**$ 199,011.25**	**$ 6,186.32**	**$ 205,197.58**
Total Operational Expenses	**$ 400,367.71**	**$ 59,233.29**	**$ 66,139.50**	**$ 37,455.60**	**$ 563,196.10**	**$ 216,291.32**	**$ 779,487.42**
Fees and Contract Expenses							
52000 - Professional Fees	**$ 260,550.52**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 3,723.32**	**$ 264,273.84**	**$ 1,035.00**	**$ 265,308.84**
52100 - Vessel Expenses	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 391,212.41**	**$ 391,212.41**
52200 - Other Fees and Charges	**$ 41,321.34**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 6,828.32**	**$ 48,149.66**	**$ 50,227.28**	**$ 98,376.94**
52300 - Leases and Contracts	**$ 9,832.50**	**$ 43,261.06**	**$ -**	**$ 17,516.91**	**$ 70,610.47**	**$ 1,430,370.00**	**$ 1,500,980.47**
54000 - Communications	**$ 27,220.50**	**$ -**	**$ 1,470.00**	**$ -**	**$ 28,690.50**	**$ 2,070.00**	**$ 30,760.50**
Total Fees and Contract Expenses	**$ 338,924.86**	**$ 43,261.06**	**$ 1,470.00**	**$ 28,068.55**	**$ 411,724.47**	**$ 1,874,914.68**	**$ 2,286,639.15**
Facilities and Equipment Expenses							
54000 - Equipment Expense	**$ 3,213.68**	**$ 5,356.13**	**$ 5,278.00**	**$ -**	**$ 13,847.80**	**$ 27,945.00**	**$ 41,792.80**
54000 - Supplies Expense	**$ 32,710.83**	**$ 168,990.96**	**$ 2,075.00**	**$ 18,165.00**	**$ 221,941.79**	**$ 488,520.00**	**$ 710,461.79**
54000 - Maintenance and Utilities	**$ 43,024.95**	**$ -**	**$ 1,358.44**	**$ 2,100.00**	**$ 46,483.39**	**$ 36,225.00**	**$ 82,708.39**
54000 - Facility Rentals	**$ 432,944.78**	**$ 151.56**	**$ 3,991.08**	**$ 26,028.05**	**$ 463,115.47**	**$ 18,514.20**	**$ 481,629.67**
Total Facilities and Equipment Expenses	**$ 511,894.23**	**$ 174,498.65**	**$ 12,702.52**	**$ 46,293.05**	**$ 699,095.40**	**$ 571,204.20**	**$ 1,270,299.60**
Other Expenses							
55000 - Budget Contingency	$ 157,864.63	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 157,864.63	$ -	$ 157,864.63
55250 - Indirect costs	$ (136,880.19)	$ -	$ -	$ 136,880.19	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Expenses	**$ 20,984.44**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 136,880.19**	**$ 157,864.63**	**$ -**	**$ 157,864.63**
Total Expense	**$ 4,028,261.21**	**$ 1,273,479.30**	**$ 1,175,765.58**	**$ 1,069,842.86**	**$ 7,547,348.95**	**$ 3,748,425.90**	**$ 11,295,774.86**
Net Income (Loss)	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (982,603.33)**	**$ (982,603.34)**

APPENDIX VI
FY2028 INDICATIVE BUDGET

(1 Oct. 2027 to 30 Sept. 2028)

FY2028: Proposed for FAC102 Account Number	10 - General FY2028	20 - Research FY2028	30 - Statistics FY2028	35 - AK Cost-Recovery FY2028	TOTAL (10,20,30, 35) FY2028	40 - FISS FY2028	TOTAL (All Funds) FY2028
Income							
40000 Contracting Party Contributions							
40000.01 - Canada	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,123,598.47	$ -	$ 1,123,598.47
40000.02 - United States of America	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,118,615.27	$ -	$ 5,118,615.27
40000 - Contracting Party Contributions	**$ 3,659,356.45**	**$ 1,342,268.85**	**$ 1,240,588.44**	**$ -**	**$ 6,242,213.74**	**$ -**	**$ 6,242,213.74**
40055 - Headquartes (Lease and Maintenance)	$ 447,045.53	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 447,045.53	$ -	$ 447,045.53
40055 - Headquarters (Lease & Maintenance)	**$ 447,045.53**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 447,045.53**	**$ -**	**$ 447,045.53**
40060 Other Income							
40060.06 - Rent - Dutch Harbor	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,600.00	$ 5,600.00	$ -	$ 5,600.00
40060 - Other Income	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**
40100 Grants, Contracts & Agreements							
40100.01 - 802 - Directed Commercial Catch Sampling of Pacific halibut in Alaska	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,125,785.12	$ 1,125,785.12	$ -	$ 1,125,785.12
40100.02 - MoU WDFW Rockfish sampling	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 43,854.14	$ 43,854.14
40100 - Grants, Contracts & Agreements	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,125,785.12**	**$ 1,125,785.12**	**$ 43,854.14**	**$ 1,169,639.26**
40200 Interest Income							
40200.01 - Bank Interest	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ 100,000.00
Total 40200 - Interest Income	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**
40350 Fish Sales							
40350.01 - Fish Sales - Pacific Halibut	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,721,455.48	$ 2,721,455.48
40350.02 - Fish Sales - Byproduct	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 109,264.95	$ 109,264.95
40350 - Fish Sales	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 2,830,720.43**	**$ 2,830,720.43**
Total Income	**$ 4,206,401.98**	**$ 1,342,268.85**	**$ 1,240,588.44**	**$ 1,131,385.12**	**$ 7,920,644.39**	**$ 2,874,574.57**	**$ 10,795,218.96**
Expense							
Personnel Expenses							
50000 - Salary & Wages	**$ 1,964,401.51**	**$ 741,388.89**	**$ 847,813.70**	**$ 622,445.04**	**$ 4,176,049.14**	**$ 859,446.80**	**$ 5,035,495.95**
50100 - Benefits	**$ 910,903.03**	**$ 314,215.51**	**$ 297,901.43**	**$ 220,725.87**	**$ 1,743,745.84**	**$ 238,514.35**	**$ 1,982,260.19**
50200 - Training & Education	**$ 33,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 3,749.29**	**$ 22,827.37**	**$ 59,576.66**	**$ 21,424.50**	**$ 81,001.16**
50300 - Personnel Related Expenses	**$ 5,516.33**	**$ -**	**$ 2,300.00**	**$ 3,200.00**	**$ 11,016.33**	**$ 4,284.90**	**$ 15,301.23**
Total Personnel Expenses	**$ 2,913,820.87**	**$ 1,055,604.40**	**$ 1,151,764.42**	**$ 869,198.28**	**$ 5,990,387.97**	**$ 1,123,670.55**	**$ 7,114,058.52**
Operational Expenses							
5000 - Publications	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 13,390.31**	**$ -**	**$ 200.00**	**$ 18,590.31**	**$ -**	**$ 18,590.31**
51100 - Mailing and Shipping	**$ 5,321.85**	**$ 13,021.89**	**$ 1,212.75**	**$ 3,307.50**	**$ 22,863.99**	**$ 99,623.93**	**$ 122,487.91**
51200 - Travel	**$ 107,158.31**	**$ 29,458.69**	**$ 15,986.25**	**$ 33,705.63**	**$ 186,308.88**	**$ 117,834.75**	**$ 304,143.63**
51300 - IPHC Meetings	**$ 197,635.33**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 197,635.33**	**$ -**	**$ 197,635.33**
51400 - Technology	**$ 146,757.83**	**$ 5,435.56**	**$ 52,247.48**	**$ 2,315.25**	**$ 206,756.11**	**$ 6,402.85**	**$ 213,158.96**
Total Operational Expenses	**$ 461,873.31**	**$ 61,306.46**	**$ 69,446.48**	**$ 39,528.38**	**$ 632,154.62**	**$ 223,861.52**	**$ 856,016.14**
Fees and Contract Expenses							
52000 - Professional Fees	**$ 268,217.28**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 3,909.49**	**$ 272,126.77**	**$ 1,071.23**	**$ 273,198.00**
52100 - Vessel Expenses	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 418,825.01**	**$ 418,825.01**
52200 - Other Fees and Charges	**$ 43,164.25**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 7,169.73**	**$ 50,333.98**	**$ 52,738.64**	**$ 103,072.62**
52300 - Leases and Contracts	**$ 10,176.64**	**$ 44,775.20**	**$ -**	**$ 17,792.76**	**$ 72,744.60**	**$ 1,480,432.95**	**$ 1,553,177.55**
54000 - Communications	**$ 28,173.22**	**$ -**	**$ 1,543.50**	**$ -**	**$ 29,716.72**	**$ 2,142.45**	**$ 31,859.17**
Total Fees and Contract Expenses	**$ 349,731.39**	**$ 44,775.20**	**$ 1,543.50**	**$ 28,871.98**	**$ 424,922.07**	**$ 1,955,210.27**	**$ 2,380,132.34**
Facilities and Equipment Expenses							
54000 - Equipment Expense	**$ 3,326.15**	**$ 5,543.59**	**$ 5,542.21**	**$ -**	**$ 14,411.95**	**$ 28,923.08**	**$ 43,335.03**
54000 - Supplies Expense	**$ 33,348.20**	**$ 174,905.65**	**$ 7,348.16**	**$ 19,073.25**	**$ 234,675.26**	**$ 505,618.20**	**$ 740,293.46**
54000 - Maintenance and Utilities	**$ 44,530.82**	**$ -**	**$ 1,426.36**	**$ 2,205.00**	**$ 48,162.18**	**$ 37,492.88**	**$ 85,655.06**
54000 - Facility Rentals	**$ 447,401.69**	**$ 133.56**	**$ 3,517.32**	**$ 27,836.70**	**$ 478,889.27**	**$ 19,084.52**	**$ 497,973.79**
Total Facilities and Equipment Expenses	**$ 528,606.87**	**$ 180,582.80**	**$ 17,834.05**	**$ 49,114.95**	**$ 727,023.72**	**$ 591,118.67**	**$ 1,318,142.38**
Other Expenses							
55000 - Budget Contingency	$ 97,041.07	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 97,041.07	$ -	$ 97,041.07
55250 - Indirect costs	$ (144,671.53)	$ -	$ -	$ 144,671.53	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Expenses	**$ (47,630.46)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 144,671.53**	**$ 97,041.07**	**$ -**	**$ 97,041.07**
Total Expense	**$ 4,206,401.98**	**$ 1,342,268.85**	**$ 1,240,588.44**	**$ 1,131,385.12**	**$ 7,920,644.39**	**$ 3,893,861.01**	**$ 11,814,505.40**
Net Income (Loss)	**$ 0.00**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ 0.00**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (1,019,286.44)**	**$ (1,019,286.44)**

APPENDIX VII
FY2029 INDICATIVE BUDGET

(1 Oct. 2028 to 30 Sept. 2029)

FY2029: Proposed for FAC102 Account Number	10 - General FY2029	20 - Research FY2029	30 - Statistics FY2029	35 - AK Cost-Recovery FY2029	TOTAL (10,20,30, 35) FY2029	40 - FISS FY2029	TOTAL (All Funds) FY2029
Income							
40000 Contracting Party Contributions							
40000.01 - Canada	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,179,778.40	$ -	$ 1,179,778.40
40000.02 - United States of America	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,374,546.03	$ -	$ 5,374,546.03
40000 - Contracting Party Contributions	**$ 3,835,494.15**	**$ 1,415,311.39**	**$ 1,303,518.89**	**$ -**	**$ 6,554,324.43**	**$ -**	**$ 6,554,324.43**
40055 - Headquartes (Lease and Maintenance)	$ 461,549.91	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 461,549.91	$ -	$ 461,549.91
40055 - Headquarters (Lease & Maintenance)	**$ 461,549.91**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 461,549.91**	**$ -**	**$ 461,549.91**
40060 Other Income							
40060.06 - Rent - Dutch Harbor	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,600.00	$ 5,600.00	$ -	$ 5,600.00
40060 - Other Income	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ 5,600.00**	**$ -**	**$ 5,600.00**
40100 Grants, Contracts & Agreements							
40100.01 - 802 - Directed Commercial Catch Sampling of Pacific halibut in Alaska	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,191,341.53	$ 1,191,341.53	$ -	$ 1,191,341.53
40100.02 - MoU WDFW Rockfish sampling	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 46,046.85	$ 46,046.85
40100 - Grants, Contracts & Agreements	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,191,341.53**	**$ 1,191,341.53**	**$ 46,046.85**	**$ 1,237,388.38**
40200 Interest Income							
40200.01 - Bank Interest	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ 100,000.00
Total 40200 - Interest Income	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 100,000.00**
40350 Fish Sales							
40350.01 - Fish Sales - Pacific Halibut	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 2,828,028.14	$ 2,828,028.14
40350.02 - Fish Sales - Byproduct	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 113,089.22	$ 113,089.22
40350 - Fish Sales	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 2,941,117.36**	**$ 2,941,117.36**
Total Income	**$ 4,397,044.06**	**$ 1,415,311.39**	**$ 1,303,518.89**	**$ 1,196,941.53**	**$ 8,312,815.87**	**$ 2,987,164.21**	**$ 11,299,980.08**
Expense							
Personnel Expenses							
50000 - Salary & Wages	$ 2,062,321.59	$ 778,458.34	$ 890,204.39	$ 653,567.29	$ 4,384,551.60	$ 902,344.14	$ 5,286,895.74
50100 - Benefits	$ 993,933.53	$ 340,160.02	$ 319,464.94	$ 238,811.19	$ 1,892,369.68	$ 258,606.12	$ 2,150,975.80
50200 - Training & Education	$ 33,000.00	$ -	$ 3,880.51	$ 24,219.84	$ 61,100.35	$ 22,174.36	$ 83,274.71
50300 - Personnel Related Expenses	$ 5,656.90	$ -	$ 2,300.00	$ 3,200.00	$ 11,156.90	$ 4,434.87	$ 15,591.77
Total Personnel Expenses	**$ 3,094,912.02**	**$ 1,118,618.36**	**$ 1,215,849.84**	**$ 919,798.32**	**$ 6,349,178.54**	**$ 1,187,559.49**	**$ 7,536,738.03**
Operational Expenses							
5000 - Publications	$ 5,000.00	$ 13,858.97	$ -	$ -	$ 18,858.97	$ -	$ 18,858.97
51100 - Mailing and Shipping	$ 5,508.11	$ 13,477.66	$ 1,273.39	$ 3,472.88	$ 23,732.04	$ 103,110.76	$ 126,842.80
51200 - Travel	$ 107,158.31	$ 30,489.74	$ 16,785.56	$ 35,390.91	$ 189,824.53	$ 121,958.97	$ 311,783.49
51300 - IPHC Meetings	$ 176,522.56	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 176,522.56	$ -	$ 176,522.56
51400 - Technology	$ 151,894.35	$ 5,625.81	$ 54,859.85	$ 2,431.01	$ 214,811.02	$ 6,626.95	$ 221,437.96
Total Operational Expenses	**$ 446,083.33**	**$ 63,452.18**	**$ 72,918.80**	**$ 41,294.80**	**$ 623,749.12**	**$ 231,696.67**	**$ 855,445.79**
Fees and Contract Expenses							
52000 - Professional Fees	$ 276,152.39	$ -	$ -	$ 4,104.96	$ 280,257.35	$ 1,108.72	$ 281,366.07
52100 - Vessel Expenses	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 419,076.51	$ 419,076.51
52200 - Other Fees and Charges	$ 45,091.50	$ -	$ -	$ 7,528.22	$ 52,619.72	$ 55,375.57	$ 107,995.29
52300 - Leases and Contracts	$ 10,532.82	$ 46,342.33	$ -	$ 20,461.67	$ 77,336.82	$ 1,532,248.10	$ 1,609,584.93
54000 - Communications	$ 29,159.28	$ -	$ 1,620.68	$ -	$ 30,779.96	$ 2,217.44	$ 32,997.40
Total Fees and Contract Expenses	**$ 360,935.98**	**$ 46,342.33**	**$ 1,620.68**	**$ 32,094.85**	**$ 440,993.85**	**$ 2,010,026.34**	**$ 2,451,020.18**
Facilities and Equipment Expenses							
54000 - Equipment Expense	$ 3,442.57	$ 5,737.62	$ 5,819.32	$ -	$ 14,999.50	$ 29,935.38	$ 44,934.89
54000 - Supplies Expense	$ 34,007.89	$ 181,027.34	$ 2,287.69	$ 20,026.91	$ 237,349.83	$ 523,314.84	$ 760,664.67
54000 - Maintenance and Utilities	$ 46,089.40	$ -	$ 1,497.68	$ 2,315.25	$ 49,902.33	$ 38,805.13	$ 88,707.46
54000 - Facility Rentals	$ 451,458.40	$ 133.56	$ 3,524.88	$ 28,241.88	$ 483,358.72	$ 19,732.33	$ 503,091.05
Total Facilities and Equipment Expenses	**$ 534,998.26**	**$ 186,898.52**	**$ 13,129.57**	**$ 50,584.04**	**$ 735,026.35**	**$ 611,787.68**	**$ 1,346,814.03**
Other Expenses							
55000 - Budget Contingency	$ 113,283.99	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 113,283.99	$ -	$ 113,283.99
55250 - Indirect costs	$ (153,169.52)	$ -	$ -	$ 153,169.52	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other Expenses	**$ (39,885.53)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 153,169.52**	**$ 113,283.99**	**$ -**	**$ 113,283.99**
Total Expense	**$ 4,397,044.06**	**$ 1,415,311.39**	**$ 1,303,518.89**	**$ 1,196,941.53**	**$ 8,312,815.89**	**$ 4,041,070.17**	**$ 12,353,886.06**
Net Income (Loss)	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (0.00)**	**$ (0.01)**	**$ (1,053,905.96)**	**$ (1,053,905.98)**

APPENDIX VIII
IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: MORTALITY AND FISHERY LIMITS (SECT. 5)

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5. Mortality and Fishery Limits

(1) The Commission has adopted the following distributed mortality (TCEY) values:

IPHC Regulatory Area	Distributed mortality limits (TCEY) (net weight)	
	Tonnes (t)	Million Pounds (Mlb)
Area 2A (California, Oregon, and Washington)	748	1.65
Area 2B (British Columbia)	2,295	5.06
Area 2C (southeastern Alaska)	2,368	5.22
Area 3A (central Gulf of Alaska)	4,119	9.08
Area 3B (western Gulf of Alaska)	1,297	2.86
Area 4A (eastern Aleutians)	608	1.34
Area 4B (central and western Aleutians)	472	1.04
Areas 4CDE (Bering Sea)	1,397	3.08
Total	**13,304**	**29.33**

(2) The fishery limits resulting from the IPHC-adopted distributed mortality (TCEY) limits and the existing Contracting Party catch sharing arrangements are as follows, recognising that each Contracting Party may implement more restrictive limits:**

IPHC Regulatory Area	Fishery limits (net weight)	
	Tonnes (t)	Million Pounds (Mlb)*
Area 2A (California, Oregon, and Washington)	**699**	**1.54**
Non-tribal directed commercial (south of Pt. Chehalis)	118	261,211*
Non-tribal incidental catch in salmon troll fishery	21	46,096*
Non-tribal incidental catch in sablefish fishery (north of Pt. Chehalis)	32	70,000*
Treaty Indian commercial	240	528,200*
Treaty Indian ceremonial and subsistence (year-round)	5	10,800*
Recreational – Washington**	130	286,356*
Recreational – Oregon**	135	297,297*
Recreational – California**	18	40,040*
Area 2B (British Columbia) (combined commercial and recreational)	**1,923**	**4.24**
Commercial fishery	1,637	3.61
Recreational fishery	290	0.64
Area 2C (southeastern Alaska) (combined commercial and guided recreational)	**1,615**	**3.56**
Commercial fishery (includes 2.81 Mlb landings and 0.10 Mlb discard mortality)	1,320	2.91
Guided recreational fishery (includes landings and discard mortality)	295	0.65

Area 3A (central Gulf of Alaska) (combined commercial and guided recreational)	**3,538**	**7.80**
Commercial fishery (includes 5.96 Mlb landings and 0.36 Mlb discard mortality)	2,867	6.32
Guided recreational fishery (includes landings and discard mortality)	667	1.47
Area 3B (western Gulf of Alaska)	**1,125**	**2.48**
Area 4A (eastern Aleutians)	**458**	**1.01**
Area 4B (central and western Aleutians)	**417**	**0.92**
Areas 4CDE (Bering Sea)	**739**	**1.63**
Area 4C (Pribilof Islands)	345	0.76
Area 4D (northwestern Bering Sea)	345	0.76
Area 4E (Bering Sea flats)	54	0.12
Total	**10,514**	**23.18**

* Allocations resulting from the IPHC Regulatory Area 2A Catch Share Plan are listed in *pounds*.

** In IPHC Regulatory Area 2A, the USA (NOAA Fisheries) may take in-season action to reallocate the recreational fishery limits between Washington, Oregon, and California after determining that such action will not result in exceeding the overall IPHC Regulatory Area 2A recreational fishery limit and that such action is consistent with any domestic catch sharing plan. Any such reallocation will be announced by the USA (NOAA Fisheries) and published in the Federal Register.

APPENDIX IX
IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: COMMERCIAL FISHING PERIODS (SECT. 9)

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9. Commercial Fishing Periods

(1) The fishing periods for each IPHC Regulatory Area apply where the fishery limits specified in Section 5 have not been taken.

(2) Unless the Commission specifies otherwise, commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all IPHC Regulatory Areas may begin no earlier in the year than 06:00 local time on 26 March.

(3) All commercial fishing for Pacific halibut in all IPHC Regulatory Areas shall cease for the year at 23:59 local time on 7 December.

(4) Regulations pertaining to the non-tribal directed commercial fishing[2] periods in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A will be promulgated by NOAA Fisheries and published in the Federal Register. This fishery will occur between the dates and times listed in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Section.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of this Section, an incidental catch fishery[3] is authorized during the sablefish seasons in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A in accordance with regulations promulgated by NOAA Fisheries. This fishery will occur between the dates and times listed in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Section.

(6) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of this Section, an incidental catch fishery is authorized during salmon troll seasons in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A in accordance with regulations promulgated by NOAA Fisheries. This fishery will occur between the dates and times listed in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Section.

[2] The non-tribal directed commercial fishery is restricted to waters that are south of Point Chehalis, Washington, (46°53.30′ N. latitude) under regulations promulgated by NOAA Fisheries and published in the Federal Register.

[3] The incidental fishery during the directed, fixed gear sablefish season is restricted to waters that are north of Point Chehalis, Washington, (46°53.30′ N. latitude) under regulations promulgated by NOAA Fisheries at 50 CFR 300.63. Landing restrictions for Pacific halibut retention in the fixed gear sablefish fishery can be found at 50 CFR 660.231.

APPENDIX X
IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: RECREATIONAL (SPORT) FISHING FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT—IPHC REGULATORY AREAS 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (SECT. 28) – CHARTER MANAGEMENT MEASURES IN IPHC REGULATORY AREAS 2C AND 3A (USA)

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28. Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut—IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E

(1) In Convention waters in and off Alaska:[9, 10]

(a) the recreational (sport) fishing season is from 1 February to 31 December;

(b) the daily bag limit is two Pacific halibut of any size per day per person unless a more restrictive bag limit applies in Commission regulations or Federal regulations at 50 CFR 300.65;

(c) no person may possess more than two daily bag limits;

(d) no person shall possess on board a vessel, including charter vessels and pleasure craft used for fishing, Pacific halibut that have been filleted, mutilated, or otherwise disfigured in any manner, except that each Pacific halibut may be cut into no more than 2 ventral pieces, 2 dorsal pieces, and 2 cheek pieces, with a patch of skin on each piece, naturally attached. Either one dorsal piece or one ventral piece from one Pacific halibut on board may be consumed;

(e) Pacific halibut in excess of the possession limit in paragraph (1)(c) of this Section may be possessed on a vessel that does not contain recreational (sport) fishing gear, fishing rods, hand lines, or gaffs;

(f) Pacific halibut harvested on a charter vessel fishing trip in IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C or 3A must be retained on board the charter vessel on which the Pacific halibut was caught until the end of the charter vessel fishing trip as defined at 50 CFR 300.61;

(g) guided angler fish (GAF), as described at 50 CFR 300.65, may be used to allow a charter vessel angler to harvest additional Pacific halibut up to the limits in place for unguided anglers, and are exempt from the requirements in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Section;

(h) if there is an annual limit on the number of Pacific halibut that may be retained by a charter vessel angler as defined at 50 CFR 300.61, for purposes of enforcing the annual limit, each charter vessel angler must:

(1) maintain a nontransferable harvest record in the angler's possession if retaining a Pacific halibut for which an annual limit has been established. Such harvest record must be maintained either on the angler's State of Alaska recreational (sport) fishing license, an ADFG approved electronic harvest record, or on a Sport Fishing Harvest Record Card obtained, without charge, from ADFG offices, the ADFG website, or fishing license vendors;

(2) immediately upon retaining a Pacific halibut for which an annual limit has been established, permanently and legibly record the date, location (IPHC Regulatory Area), and species of the catch (Pacific halibut) on the harvest record; and

(3) record the information required by paragraph 1(h)(2) on any duplicate or additional recreational (sport) fishing license issued to the angler, duplicate electronic harvest record, or any duplicate or additional Sport Fishing Harvest Record Card obtained by the angler for all Pacific halibut previously retained during that year that were subject to the harvest record reporting requirements of this Section; and

(i) in IPHC Regulatory 3A:

(1) a "charter halibut permit," as defined at 50 CFR 300.61, may only be used for one charter vessel fishing trip in which Pacific halibut are caught and retained per calendar day;

(2) a "charter vessel," as defined at 50 CFR 300.61 and in Section 3(d), may only be used for one charter vessel fishing trip in which Pacific halibut are caught and retained per calendar day; and

(3) for purposes of subsections (1) and (2) of this paragraph, a "charter vessel fishing trip" is defined as the time period between: (a) the first time Pacific halibut are caught and retained on a charter vessel by a charter vessel angler (as defined at 50 CFR 300.61); and (b) whichever comes first: 2359 (Alaska local time) on the same calendar day that the charter vessel fishing trip began; when any charter vessel angler is offloaded from the charter vessel; or when Pacific halibut are offloaded from the charter vessel.

(2) For guided recreational (sport) fishing (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65) in IPHC Regulatory Area 2C:

(a) no person on board a charter vessel (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65) shall catch and retain more than one Pacific halibut per calendar day;

(b) no person on board a charter vessel (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65) shall catch and retain any Pacific halibut that with head on is greater than 34 inches (86.4 cm) and less than 80 inches (203.2 cm) as measured in a straight line, passing over the pectoral fin from the tip of the lower jaw with mouth closed, to the extreme end of the middle of the tail; and

(c) no person on board a charter vessel (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65 and defined in Section 3(d)) may catch and retain Pacific halibut the following Thursdays in 2026: 18 June through 10 September.

(3) For guided recreational (sport) fishing (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65) in IPHC Regulatory Area 3A:

(a) no person on board a charter vessel (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65 and defined in Section 3(d)) shall catch and retain more than two Pacific halibut per calendar day;

(b) at least one of the retained Pacific halibut must have a head-on length of no more than 27 inches (68.6 cm) as measured in a straight line, passing over the pectoral fin from the tip of the lower jaw with mouth closed, to the extreme end of the middle of the tail. If a person recreational (sport) fishing on a charter vessel in IPHC Regulatory Area 3A retains only one Pacific halibut in a calendar day, that Pacific halibut may be of any length; and

(c) no person on board a charter vessel (as referred to in 50 CFR 300.65 and defined in Section 3(d)) may catch and retain Pacific halibut on any Wednesday, or on the following Tuesdays in 2026: 2 June through 25 August.

[9] NOAA Fisheries could implement more restrictive regulations for the recreational (sport) fishery or components of it, therefore, anglers are advised to check the current Federal or State regulations prior to fishing.

[10] Under regulations promulgated by NOAA Fisheries at 50 CFR 300.66(u), it is unlawful for any person to be a charter vessel guide of a charter vessel on which one or more charter vessel anglers are catching and retaining Pacific halibut in both IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C and 3A during one charter vessel fishing trip.

APPENDIX XI
IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: RECREATIONAL (SPORT) FISHING FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT - IPHC REGULATORY AREA 2B (SECT. 28) - DAILY BAG LIMIT IN IPHC REGULATORY AREA 2B

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27. Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut—IPHC Regulatory Area 2B

(1) In all waters off British Columbia:[7,8]

(a) the recreational (sport) fishing season will open on 1 February;

(b) the recreational (sport) fishing season will close when the recreational (sport) fishery limit allocated by DFO is taken, or 31 December, whichever is earlier; and

(c) the daily bag limit is two (2) Pacific halibut of any size per day, per person, and may be increased to a daily bag limit of three (3) Pacific halibut per day, per person on or after 1 August. This provision shall remain in effect through 2026, unless extended by a vote of the Commission.

(2) In British Columbia, no person shall fillet, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure a Pacific halibut in any manner that prevents the determination of minimum size or the number of fish caught, possessed, or landed.

(3) The possession limit for Pacific halibut in the waters off the coast of British Columbia is three Pacific halibut.[7,8]

[7] DFO could implement more restrictive regulations for the recreational (sport) fishery, therefore anglers are advised to check the current Federal or Provincial regulations prior to fishing.

[8] For regulations on the experimental recreational fishery implemented by DFO check the current Federal or Provincial regulations.

APPENDIX XII
IPHC FISHERY REGULATIONS: RECREATIONAL (SPORT) FISHING FOR PACIFIC HALIBUT - IPHC REGULATORY AREA 2A (SECT. 26) – SEASON OPENING DATES FOR RECREATIONAL FISHERY SUBAREAS WITHIN IPHC REGULATORY AREA 2A

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26. Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut—IPHC Regulatory Area 2A

(1) The Commission shall determine and announce closing dates to the public for any area in which the fishery limits promulgated by NOAA Fisheries are estimated to have been taken.

(2) When the Commission has determined that a subquota under paragraph (8) of this Section is estimated to have been taken, and has announced a date on which the season will close, no person shall recreational (sport) fish for Pacific halibut in that area after that date for the rest of the year, unless a reopening of that area for recreational (sport) Pacific halibut fishing is scheduled in accordance with the Catch Sharing Plan for IPHC Regulatory Area 2A, or announced by the Commission.

(3) No person shall fish for Pacific halibut from a vessel, nor land or retain Pacific halibut on board a vessel, used as a charter vessel in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A, unless issued a permit valid for fishing in IPHC Regulatory Area 2A by NOAA Fisheries according to 50 CFR 300 Subpart E.

(4) In California, Oregon, or Washington, no person shall fillet, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure a Pacific halibut in any manner that prevents the determination of minimum size or the number of fish caught, possessed, or landed.

(5) The possession limit on a vessel for Pacific halibut in the waters off the coast of Washington is the same as the daily bag limit. The possession limit for Pacific halibut on land in Washington is two daily bag limits.

(6) The possession limit on a vessel for Pacific halibut caught in the waters off the coast of Oregon is the same as the daily bag limit. The possession limit for Pacific halibut on land in Oregon is three daily bag limits.

(7) The possession limit on a vessel for Pacific halibut caught in the waters off the coast of California is one daily bag limit. The possession limit for Pacific halibut on land in California is one daily bag limit.

(8) In Convention waters of the Washington Puget Sound and the U.S. Convention waters in the Strait of Juan de Fuca subarea, the recreational (sport) fishing season opens on the first Thursday in April and runs through 30 June, seven days per week. NOAA Fisheries may modify these dates in-season. The daily bag limit is one Pacific halibut of any size per person. The Washington Puget Sound and the U.S. Convention waters in the Strait of Juan de Fuca subarea is defined in 50 CFR 300.63(c)(5)(i)(A).

(9) In Convention waters off California the recreational (sport) fishing season is from 1 April through 15 November, seven days per week, in the Northern California Coast subarea and from 1 April to 31 December, seven days per week, in the South of Point Arena subarea. NOAA Fisheries may modify these dates in-season. The daily bag limit is one Pacific halibut of any size per person. The California subareas are defined in 50 CFR 300.63(c)(5)(iii).

(10) Additional regulations describing fishing periods, fishery limits, fishing dates, and daily bag limits are promulgated by NOAA Fisheries and published in the Federal Register.[6]

[6] NOAA Fisheries could implement more restrictive regulations for the recreational (sport) fishery or components of it, therefore, anglers are advised to check the current Federal and State regulations prior to fishing.

APPENDIX XIII
CONSOLIDATED SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS OF THE 102ND SESSION OF THE IPHC ANNUAL MEETING (AM102) (19-22 JANUARY 2026)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nil

REQUESTS

IPHC Fishery Regulations: Recreational (Sport) Fishing for Pacific Halibut - IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E (Sect. 28) – unguided sector bag limit

AM102–Req.01 (para. 93) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the Secretariat send a letter to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council transmitting copies of regulatory proposals C1 and C3 for the Council's awareness and consideration. The letter should inform the Council that the expansion of the unguided recreational harvest in Alaska prompted considerable feedback from IPHC stakeholders. In 2025 the final unguided harvest and removal estimate in Area 2C was 1.445 Mlb, compared to the preliminary removal estimate of 0.992 Mlb, and the increase is understood to be driven by growing harvest by anglers fishing from unguided rental boats. This poses both management and allocative concerns, particularly in light of the current low abundance of the halibut resource. Given the Council's important role in these matters, the Council may wish to consider measures to improve management and catch data collection for the unguided recreational sector of the Pacific halibut fishery.

Review of the draft and adoption of the report of the 102nd Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (AM102)

AM102–Req.02 (para. 107) The Commission **REQUESTED** that the IPHC Secretariat finalise and publish the IPHC *Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations (2026)* as soon as possible, **NOTING** that only minor editorial and formatting changes are permitted beyond the decisions made by the Commission at the AM102.