

**Halibut Management Committee
AGENDA
April 4, 2016
1-5 pm Chart Room, 15th Floor**

1. Review committee purpose. The Council has identified a need to better align internal US halibut management interests within the Council process, through the Halibut Management Framework strategic planning document. The Council has also identified a need to improve communication and coordination of management and research activities with the IPHC, so that each body can support the other in fulfilling its respective mission. The purpose of the Council's Halibut Management Committee can best be described as pursuing these two areas of work or discussion, to inform both the full Council and the IPHC.

The Committee may make recommendations to the Council by consensus, if desired.

2. Review communication issues identified in the Framework. (*Recommendations or comments for the Council, especially relative to how it advances better alignment of US internal interests and achieving missions of the respective bodies.*)
 - Giving consideration to how critical scientific information and other information and data is exchanged or presented to each body.
 - Review the IPHC's idea for the purpose of the Joint Protocol Committee.
3. Review Abundance-based PSC Limits discussion paper. (*Recommendations or comments for the Council, especially relative to how it advances better alignment of US internal interests and achieving missions of the respective bodies.*)
4. Review Halibut DMR Methodology discussion paper. (*Recommendations or comments for the Council, especially relative to how it advances better alignment of US internal interests and achieving missions of the respective bodies.*)
5. Review the suggestion in the IPHC letter to resolve the dichotomy between balancing the objectives of the two bodies through Govt to Govt discussions, through the Commission's legal (treaty) operating framework.
6. Other?