

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION (IPHC)
MEETING

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Juneau, Alaska, January 25-29, 2016. The most significant outcome of the meeting was setting the 2016 harvest levels (Agenda Item H.1.a, IPHC Report), which involved consideration of the probabilities of risks and benefits involved with specific harvest choices. The Area 2A total allowable catch (TAC) for Pacific halibut is 1.14 million pounds (Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1), which is 170,000 pounds greater than the 2015 TAC.

Under this agenda item, Dr. Bruce Leaman, the Executive Director of the IPHC will provide an overview of the Annual Meeting and the stock assessment.

Mr. Phil Anderson, Council representative to the IPHC, attended the Annual Meeting, along with numerous other interested parties from Area 2A. Mr. Anderson provided a brief summary of the results of the meeting for Council consideration (Agenda Item H.1.b, IPHC Representative Report).

Council Action:

Discuss information relative to Area 2A Pacific halibut fisheries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1: 2016 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocations.
2. Agenda Item H.1.a, IPHC Report: IPHC News Release.
3. Agenda Item H.1.b, IPHC Representative Report: Report on the 2016 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting.

Agenda Order:

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