

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION (IPHC)
MEETING

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Seattle, Washington, January 13-17, 2014. The most significant outcome of the meeting was setting the 2014 harvest levels (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1), which involved a revised stock assessment model and the estimation of the probabilities of risks and benefits involved with specific harvest choices. The Area 2A total allowable catch (TAC) for Pacific halibut is 0.960 million pounds (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2), which is 30,000 pounds less than the 2013 TAC.

Under this agenda item, Dr. Bruce Leaman, the Executive Director of the IPHC, and Mr. Claude Dykstra, Survey Manager, will provide an overview of the Annual Meeting, as well as information regarding the Pacific halibut stock assessment survey plans for Area 2A, including northern California.

Ms. Gway Kirchner, Council representative to the IPHC, attended the Annual Meeting, along with numerous other interested parties from Area 2A. Ms. Kirchner has provided a brief summary of the results of the meeting for Council consideration (Agenda Item G.1.c, IPHC Meeting Summary).

Council Task:

1. Discuss information relative to Area 2A Pacific halibut fisheries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1: IPHC News Release.
2. Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2: 2014 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocations.
3. Agenda Item G.1.c, IPHC Meeting Summary: Report on the 2014 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting.

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