

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION MEETING

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Vancouver, B.C. January 12-16. The most significant outcome of the meeting was setting the 2009 harvest levels (Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1), which involved discussions of how to apportion the total allowable catch (TAC) among the various catch areas. The Area 2A TAC was down from 1.22 million pounds in 2008 to 0.95 million pounds in 2009 (Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 2).

Ms. Michele Culver, Council representative to the IPHC, attended the annual meeting, along with numerous other interested parties from Area 2A. Ms. Culver has provided a brief summary of the results of the meeting (Agenda Item F.1.b, Meeting Summary).

Council Task:

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

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 1: IPHC News Release.
2. Agenda Item F.1.a, Attachment 2: 2009 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocations.
3. Agenda Item F.1.b, Meeting Summary: Summary of International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Meeting Summary
- c. Reports and Comments of Agencies and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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