

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION (IPHC)  
MEETING

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, January 26-30, 2015. The most significant outcome of the meeting was setting the 2015 harvest levels (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 1), 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 970,000 pounds (Agenda Item G.1.a, Attachment 2), which is 10,000 pounds greater than the 2014 TAC.

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

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 Action:**

**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: 2015 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocations.
3. Agenda Item G.1.c, IPHC Meeting Summary: Report on the 2015 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting.

Agenda Order:

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| b. IPHC Report   | Bruce Leaman and Ian Stewart |
| c. Council Representative Report                                   | Gway Kirchner                |
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| e. Public Comment  |                              |
| f. <b>Council Action:</b> Consideration of the IPHC Report         |                              |

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