GROUNDFISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Bob Alverson gave a report on the 2016 annual meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) reviewed several stock assessment charts, including weight per unit of effort data throughout the range of the resource. We were informed the 2017 annual meeting will be held in Victoria, B.C., and the 2018 meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The GAP had a discussion relative to area 2A interests and, based on that discussion, believe the 2A stakeholders would benefit from an early fall halibut managers group meeting to discuss issues that might be of interest for those attending the 2017 annual meeting.

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