

## ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in online January 24-28, 2022. The meeting included reports on recent survey results and current stock status, consideration of the probabilities of risks and benefits involved with specific harvest choices, and discussions focused on harvest policy and methods for distributing coastwide yield to regulatory areas. The IPHC reached agreement for 2022 Pacific halibut catch limits (Agenda Item F.1.a, IPHC Report 1), which include the Area 2A Total Catch Exploitable Yield (TCEY), and the resulting Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield (FCEY) described in Attachment 1. These values reflect the IPHC unanimous approval in 2019 to maintain fixed harvestable levels in Area 2A for four years (2019-2022) absent a substantive conservation concern.

Under this agenda item, Dr. David Wilson, the Director of the IPHC, will provide an overview of the Annual Meeting, stock assessment, and plans for upcoming stock assessment surveys. In addition, the annual IPHC Area 2A Enforcement Report is provided as Attachment 2 under this agenda item.

Mr. Phil Anderson, the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) 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 discussions and results of the meeting for Council consideration (Agenda Item F.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1).

### **Council Action:**

#### Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 1. 2018-2022 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield.
2. Agenda Item F.1, Attachment 2. Annual IPHC Area 2A Enforcement Report to the International Pacific Halibut Commission.
3. Agenda Item F.1.a, IPHC Report 1: Media Release: Completion of the 98<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting (AM098).
4. Agenda Item F.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1: Report on the 2022 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| F.1 | Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting Report                 | Robin Ehlke   |
| a.  | IPHC Reports  | David Wilson  |
| b.  | Council IPHC Representative Report  | Phil Anderson |
| c.  | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies                       |               |
| d.  | Public Comment  |               |
| e.  | <b>Council Action:</b> Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate |               |

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