

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Victoria, British Columbia January 23-27, 2023. 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 2023 Pacific halibut catch limits, which include the Area 2A Total Catch Exploitable Yield (TCEY), and the resulting Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield (FCEY) described in Attachment 1.

Under this agenda item, Dr. Basia Hutniczak, Fisheries Policy Branch Manager for IPHC, will provide an overview of the Annual Meeting, stock assessment, and plans for upcoming stock assessment surveys. In addition, the national report from the United States submitted to the IPHC which includes harvest estimates for the 2022 season and the annual Enforcement Report for Area 2A 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 C.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1).

Council Action:

Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1: 2019-2023 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield.
2. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 2: National Report of the United States to the International Pacific Halibut Commission.
3. Agenda Item C.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1: Report on the 2023 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting.
4. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.1 Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting Report Robin Ehlke
- a. IPHC Report Basia Hutniczak
- b. Council IPHC Representative Report Phil Anderson
- c. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate

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