

## INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION (IPHC) REPORT

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Anchorage, Alaska January 22-26, 2024. 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 2024 Pacific halibut catch limits, which include the Area 2A Total Catch Exploitable Yield, and the resulting Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield 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 (Agenda Item G.1.a, IPHC Report 1). Mr. Phil Anderson, the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) representative to the IPHC, participated 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 G.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1).

The national report from the United States submitted to the IPHC, which includes Area 2A harvest estimates for the 2023 season, is provided as Attachment 2 and the full Area 2A Enforcement Report is provided as Attachment 3. Both of these attachments were included as part of the IPHC annual meeting material.

### **Council Action:**

**Consider IPHC Meeting Reports; Provide Guidance as Appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: 2020-2024 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield.
2. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2: National Report: United States of America.
3. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 3: Pacific Halibut Area 2A Annual Enforcement Report.
4. Agenda Item G.1.a, IPHC Report 1: Report of the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (*Electronic Only*).
5. Agenda Item G.1.b, IPHC Representative Report 1: Report on the 2024 International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting.
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- G.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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