

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION MEETING

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Anchorage, AK. January 24-27, 2012. The most significant outcome of the meeting was setting the 2012 harvest levels (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1), which involved discussions of how to apportion the total allowable catch (TAC) among the various catch areas. The Area 2A TAC was up from 0.91 million pounds in 2011 to 0.989 million pounds in 2012 (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2).

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 (Agenda Item H.1.b, IPHC Meeting Summary).

Council Task:

1. Discuss information relative to Area 2A halibut fisheries.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1: IPHC News Release.
2. Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 2: 2012 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Allocations.
3. Agenda Item H.1.b, IPHC Meeting Summary: Summary of International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Meeting Summary
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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