

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION (IPHC)

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada January 27-31, 2025. 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 2025 Pacific halibut catch limits, which include the Area 2A Total Catch Exploitable Yield, and the resulting Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield described in Attachment 1.

The national report from the United States, submitted to the IPHC as a part of their annual meeting materials, which includes Area 2A harvest estimates for the 2024 season, is provided as Attachment 2. The full Area 2A Enforcement Report is provided as Attachment 3.

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 C.1.a, IPHC Report 1). The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) did not send a representative to the IPHC Annual Meeting; however, the meeting was well attended by Tribal and State representatives along with numerous other interested parties from Area 2A. Ms. Heather Hall, a member of the Area 2A delegation, will be providing a brief, verbal summary of the discussions and results of the meeting for Council consideration.

**Council Task:**

**Consider the IPHC meeting reports and provide guidance, as appropriate.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 1: 2020-2025 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Fishery Catch Exploitable Yield.
2. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 2: National Report: United States of America.
3. Agenda Item C.1, Attachment 3: Pacific Halibut Area 2A Annual Enforcement Report.
4. Agenda Item C.1.a, IPHC Report 1: Report of the 101<sup>st</sup> Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (*Electronic Only*).
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

