

FT 194 Fisheries Policy Practicum: IPHC Assignment

Hi Guys,

I just wanted to send out an email with the results of the IPHC final decisions / voting and a brief summary of what happened. In brief I think we chose the right portions of the meeting to attend. The final decisions were more of a formality, but the commissioners did provide some information about their reasons for making the various determinations. In general the commissioners typically approved harvests above the blue line that IPHC staff presented, but typically Lower than the Conference Board CB(harvesters groups) and Processers Advisory Group PAG(processors) recommended.

Assignment:

We will meet this Monday evening Feb 1st at 5:00pm where you guys can either provide a 5 minute summary presentation of your experiences and what happened over the course of the week and the proposal you chose. (a PowerPoint presentation would be appropriate but not mandatory). Alternatively you can submit a 2 page report (Due by 5:00pm Feb 8th) summarizing the same experiences. If you have questions about this please feel free to contact me.

Summary Determinations

- The Commissioners set an opening date of March 19th and a closing date of Nov 7th
- They increased the size limit of the sport caught halibut in area 2c (sitka) from 42 – 43 inches
- They approved the use of Pots to retain halibut if captured in the sablefish/blackcod fishery
- They approved making a tagged fish not count toward your bag limit
- They approved the use of electronic log books when recording fishing information
- The commissioners split the vote on reducing the size limit for commercial caught fish from 32 – 30 in. this motion failed. Canada was opposed and the US was in favor. This proposal FAILED
- They approved the use of Tribal ID's
- The commissioners took no action on the proposal to Revise US commercial fishing logbook requirements for operators to complete a logbook for fishing trips, from the current definition of when fishing for halibut, to if a landing occurs.
- The commissioners made no comment and took no action on the proposal to establish a maximum size retention limit of 60 inches for Pacific Halibut in all regulatory areas for both the sport and commercial fisheries.
- The commissioners made no comment and took no action on the proposal to document and release halibut >72". Use of barbless hooks.

<http://www.iphc.int/news-releases.html>

Area	Blue line	Allocation	Change
2A	1.02	1.14	111.76%
2B	5.22	7.3	139.85%
2C	4.62	4.95	107.14%
3A	9.27	9.6	103.56%
3B	2.71	2.71	100.00%
4A	1.3	1.39	106.92%
4B	0.92	1.14	123.91%

4CDE	1.64	1.66	101.22%
Tota	26.7	29.89	111.95%