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Call for Catch Limit Proposal Comments 2008 IPHC Annual Meeting

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) invites the public and industry to submit proposals concerning IPHC staff catch limit recommendations or related issues (such as stock assessment) to the IPHC for inclusion at the 2008 IPHC Annual Meeting. Blank forms for submission are available through the IPHC office or from the web page. All completed submissions that are received (or postmarked) by the deadline will be included in discussion at the Annual Meeting. Comments may be posted on the IPHC homepage (www.iphc.washington.edu) and copies can also be available by mail or fax by calling the IPHC offices (206-634-1838).

Please be aware that the IPHC regulates only the catch limits by IPHC Regulatory Area and not by fishery (commercial or sport). Internal allocation issues (catch limit distribution, for example) are handled domestically and should be addressed to the respective governments.

Due to the need for adequate staff time to assemble Catch Limit comments prior to the IPHC Annual Meeting, the deadline is December 31, 2007. Any information to be included must be received (or postmarked) at the IPHC office by the submission date. Comments received after the deadline may not be included or reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

Instructions for submission:

Please fill out all areas of the form. Remember to complete the name and contact information section and sign the comment form. If additional space is needed to answer one or more of the questions please attach additional sheets.

1. Proposed Catch Limit and Area – List the IPHC Regulatory Area and your proposed catch limit.
2. Supporting evidence – Describe the reasoning behind your proposed catch area limit. What supporting evidence do you have regarding your proposal? For example, historical catch rates, juvenile recruitment, or other biological reasons supporting the assertion.

Submit the proposal and any supporting documents to the IPHC by December 31, 2007 via any of:

US Mail

IPHC
P.O. Box 95009
Seattle, WA 98145

Package Delivery (FedEx, UPS)

IPHC
250 OTB, U of W
15th and Boat Street
Seattle, WA 98195

Fax

206-632-2983

Note: Regulatory proposals or administrative issues associated with the IPHC regulations must be submitted by using the IPHC Regulations Proposal Submission Form and be received by October 31, 2007 for inclusion in discussions at the IPHC 2008 meeting.

IPHC Catch Limit Comment Form

Comment on Regulatory Area: 2A/2B/2C/3A/3B/4A/4B/4CDE Year: _____
(Circle all that apply)

Submission Information (Please print or type)

Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Postal/ZIP Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
Signature: _____

1. What is your recommended catch limit or proposal?

2. What is the supporting information for this recommendation (e.g., catch rates, biomass trends, recruitment, etc.)? Please be specific where possible.

Please attach any other supporting materials. All items submitted by December 31, 2007 will be considered at the IPHC Annual Meeting. ***Remember to include contact information and signature.***