

UPDATE OF COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

***Note:* THIS AGENDUM HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

Situation: Since the inception of the Pacific Council, formal written operating procedures have been developed and adopted by the Council to guide various processes associated with the requirements and obligations described in the Magnuson Act and its 1996 reauthorization and amendment, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. These Council Operating Procedures (COPs) specify how the Council and its advisory entities conduct meetings, consider public comment, develop fishery management plans and amendments, adopt regulatory measures, and deal with special processes of importance to the Council. As some COPs have not been reviewed for several years and certain changes in procedures had not formally been described in writing, the Council assigned a comprehensive review and update of the full COPs document.

Exhibit B.3.a entails a review of the 19 existing COPs and drafts for three new COPs dealing with (1) the Groundfish Allocation Committee, (2) Ad-Hoc Committees, and (3) the process of consideration of inseason management measures for groundfish. In these COPs, text in ~~strikeout~~ is a suggested deletion, text in underline is a suggested policy-neutral clarification or previously adopted policy change, and [REDACTED] text is a suggested addition or change with potential policy implications.

The Council task is to consider adopting some or all of the revisions, providing guidance on further revisions, or postponing consideration of some or all of the revisions until the next Council meeting. In particular, the draft new COPs have not been viewed in the Council forum before and may be candidates for further consideration at the next Council meeting for reasons of broader public review.

Council Tasks:

Consider Exhibit B.3.a and provide guidance on adoption, further revision, or further process on the COP language contained in the exhibit.

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit B.3.a, Attachment 1: *Council Operating Procedures As Amended Through June, 2004.*

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Review and Approve Proposed Updates to COPs

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