

## MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES (COP)

During this agenda item, the Council will consider changes in Council officers, advisory body membership, appointments to other forums, and changes in COP.

### **Selection of Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2008**

As directed by COP 1, the Council will need to select a chair and vice chair for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2008. For the 2006 and 2007 terms, with the agreement of all Council members, the Council suspended the restriction on page 10 of COP 1, limiting any officer from serving more than two consecutive one-year terms in the same position (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1). On that basis, Chair Donald Hansen and Vice Chair David Ortmann will have each served four consecutive terms in their respective positions at the end of 2007.

Given the Council's action in selecting officers the past two years, the Council may wish to consider amending COP 1 to incorporate some prescribed ability to deviate from a one-year term if it serves the best interests of the Council. Additionally, if a change is considered, there may be some benefit to considering an August 11 to August 10 term that coincides with Council member appointments. This would avoid any uncertainty as to tenure if the Council desires to select a Council member to hold office in the final year of their first or second term.

### **Council Advisory Body Appointments**

#### **Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT)**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) nominates Ms. Carol Henry to replace Mr. Brian Culver as the WDFW representative on the CPSMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).

#### **Groundfish Management Team (GMT)**

Council staff has received two requests for changes on the GMT.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) NW Region nominates Ms. Gretchen Arentzen to replace Ms. Becky Renko as one of the two NW Region representatives on the GMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

The WDFW nominates Mr. Corey Niles to replace Mr. Brian Culver as one of two WDFW representatives on the GMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

#### **Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS)**

Mr. Jay Bornstein has confirmed that Ms. Gayle Parker is unable to continue as the Processor North of Cape Mendocino on the HMSAS at this time. In response to our solicitation to fill this vacancy, Mr. Pierre Marchand has nominated himself to serve in this position for the remainder of the 2007-2009 term (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5).

## **Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)**

In response to our solicitation, the Council received four nominations for the one at-large vacancy on the SSC. The letters of nomination and support, and the candidates' CVs are provided in Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6. The nominees are:

- Mr. Vidar Weststad, Ph.D., Fisheries Consultant and Adjunct Professor, University of Alaska—nominated by Mr. Brad Pettinger and letters of support from Mr. Richard Carroll and Mr. Mike Okoniewski
- Ms. Selina Heppell, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Oregon State University, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife—nominated by Dr. Usha Varanasi
- Mr. Daniel Pondella, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, Occidental College—nominated by self
- Mr. William Daspit—nominated by self

In September 2006, the SSC requested the Council give consideration to adding two additional at-large seats to the SSC to help cover the breadth and depth of their current workload. Given the positive response to this solicitation, the Council may wish to consider augmenting the SSC membership.

## **Proposed New Ad Hoc Trawl Rationalization Tracking and Monitoring Committee**

To help develop options and provide advice to NMFS on the tracking and monitoring requirements necessary under the trawl rationalization process, the Council Staff recommends formation of an Ad Hoc Trawl Rationalization Tracking and Monitoring Committee. With advice from Council and advisory body members, the Council Chair would name appropriate members to serve on the ad hoc committee.

## **Remaining Vacancies on Permanent Council Advisory Bodies**

The following advisory body positions are vacant with no nominations:

- GMT NMFS NW Region, 2<sup>nd</sup> Position
- Habitat Committee IDFG Position
- Highly Migratory Management Team (HMSMT) IATTC Position

## **Appointments to Other Forums**

### **Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Advisory Body**

Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7 provides the Council's nomination of Dr. Kit Dahl to a position on the WCPFC advisory body representing our Council in highly migratory species matters.

### **U.S.-Canada Pacific Hake/Whiting Commission**

As noted at the September Council meeting, the Secretary of Commerce has acknowledged our Council's recommendation for Mr. Phil Anderson to serve on the U.S. Section of the Joint

Management Committee of the U.S.-Canada Pacific Hake/Whiting Commission. However, any notice of appointment awaits final ratification of the treaty which is expected sometime in November or early December.

### **Changes to COP**

As noted above, the Council may wish to initiate consideration of changes to COP 1 with regard to selection of Council officers and COP 4, SSC, with regard to SSC membership (consideration of additional members).

Changes to COP 4, SSC, are also considered under Agenda Item C.3 and primarily respond to requirements in the Magnuson-Steven Act reauthorization and increasing the terms of SSC officers from one to two years (page 5 of Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 2). Under the same agenda item, changes are proposed with regard to the research and data needs development schedule in COP 12. These changes primarily concern the planning horizon of the research needs document.

Changes are also proposed in Agenda Item F.2 for COP 15, Salmon Estimation Methodology Updates and Review, to clarify review roles of the SSC, Salmon Technical Team, and Model Evaluation Workgroup.

### **Council Tasks:**

- 1. Confirm appointments or provide guidance for handling appointments of Council Officers and Members of the CPSMT, GMT, HC, HMSAS, HMSMT, SSC and Ad Hoc Committees.**
- 2. Provide other guidance as appropriate for appointment or COP issues.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Excerpt from COP 1.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: WDFW Resignation and Nomination to CPSMT.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: NMFS Resignation and Nomination to GMT.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: WDFW Resignation and Nomination to GMT.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: Resignation and Nomination for HMSAS Position for Processor North of Cape Mendocino.
6. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6: Four Nominations and Supporting Materials for the SSC At-Large Vacancy.
7. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7: Nomination of Dr. Kit Dahl to the WCPFC Advisory Body.
8. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 1: Second Draft of Revisions to COP 4, SSC.
9. Agenda Item C.3.a, Attachment 2: Draft Revisions to COP 12, Update and Communication of Research and Data Needs and West Coast Economic Data Plan.
10. Agenda Item F.2.a, Attachment 2: COP 15, Salmon Estimation Methodology Updates and Review.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview John Coon
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies Bob Conrad
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Appoint Council Officers and Appropriate Advisory Body Members, and Consider Changes to COPs as Needed

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