

## MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES (COP)

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

### **Council Advisory Body Appointments**

The Council needs to consider and approve the following advisory body membership changes.

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

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) nominates Mr. Edward J. Dick to replace Dr. John Field as the SWFSC representative on the GMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1).

#### **Habitat Committee (HC)**

California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has notified the Council that its representative on the HC, Mr. Steve Turek, is unable to continue in that assignment and will be replaced by Mr. Larry Hanson. Further, Ms. Vicki Frey will act as the designated alternate to Mr. Hanson (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).

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

Mr. Robert Fletcher has submitted his resignation from the Southern Charter Boat Operator position on the HMSAS, effective March 15 (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

In response to a Council vacancy announcement for the Southern Charter Boat Operator position on the HMSAS, the Council received one nomination. The Sportfishing Association of California has nominated Captain Buzz Brizendine (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

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

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has informed the Council of the imminent departure of their representative on the SSC, Mr. Tom Jagielo, from employment with the agency. To provide for an immediate replacement on the SSC, WDFW nominates Dr. Theresa Sou to serve as their representative (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5).

#### **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

On October 31, 2007, the Council sent a letter (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6) to Mr. Guillermo A. Compéan, Director, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), requesting reconsideration of their action to withdraw representation on our Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT). To date, there has been no reply and no representative was sent to the January HMSMT meeting. The Council should consider what, if any, follow-up action is warranted on this issue and instruct staff appropriately.

### **Update on Appointments to Other Forums**

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

Since the November meeting, the Council's nomination of Ms. Marija Vojkovich to the WCPFC has been informally accepted by the Department of State. The Council's nomination of Dr. Kit Dahl as an advisory body member on the WCPFC is still pending.

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

As noted at previous meetings, 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.

### **Changes to COP**

At the November meeting, the Council approved changes, for public review, to COP 15, Salmon Estimation Methodology Updates and Review, to clarify review roles of the SSC, Salmon Technical Team, and Model Evaluation Workgroup (Agenda Item B.3.a, Attachment 7). At this meeting, the Council needs to take final action on the changes to COP 15.

#### **Council Action:**

- 1. Confirm or provide other guidance for appointments to Council advisory bodies and COP changes, including GMT, HC, HMSAS, HMSMT, SSC, and COP 15.**

#### **Reference Materials:**

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: NWFSC Resignation and Nomination to GMT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: CDFG Resignation and Nomination to HC.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Resignation of Mr. Robert Fletcher from HMSAS.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: Nomination of Mr. Buzz Brizendine to HMSAS.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: WDFW Resignation and Nomination to SSC.
6. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6: Council letter to Mr. Compéan, IATTC.
7. Agenda Item B.3.a, Attachment 1: COP 15, Salmon Estimation Methodology Updates and Review.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview John Coon
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Appoint New Advisory Body Members and Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures as Needed

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