

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

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

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Management and Technical Teams

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT)

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has nominated Ms. Cyreis Schmitt to fill the ODFW vacancy on the CPSMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1). The Council should take formal action at this meeting to confirm this nomination.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT)

Dr. Guillermo A. Compéan, Director of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTAC), has notified the Council that Mr. Brian Hallman will again be available to represent the IATTAC on the HMSMT. When Mr. Hallman is not available, his designee will be Mr. Ricardo Belmontes. The Council should confirm this arrangement, reinstating Mr. Hallman as the IATTAC representative, at this meeting.

Advisory Subpanels

None.

Other Council Committees

Ad Hoc Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC)

The Council established member positions for the initial EFHRC at its April meeting with the intent of naming members at this meeting. In response to a formal solicitation, Council staff received the following nominations for EFHRC membership.

- NMFS Fisheries Science Centers—1 position each from NWFSC and SWFSC (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2):
 - Dr. Waldo Wakefield, NWFSC
 - Ms. Mary Yoklavich, SWFSC
- Scientists Affiliated with a Conservation Organization—2 positions (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3):
 - Mr. Santi Roberts, Oceana, Monterey, CA

- Scientists At-large—2 positions (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4):
 - Dr. H. Gary Greene, Professor Emeritus at Moss Landing Marine Labs
 - Dr. Chris Goldfinger, Associate Professor of Marine Geology at the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University.
- Fishing Industry—2 positions, bottom trawl and non-trawl bottom gear (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5):
 - Mr. Brad Pettinger, Brookings, OR (bottom trawl)
 - Mr. Bernie Bjork, Astoria, OR (non-trawl bottom gear)
 - Mr. Robert Eder, Newport, OR (non-trawl bottom gear)
- NMFS Northwest Region—1 position (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6):
 - Mr. Steve Copps, Senior Policy Analyst
 - Mr. John Stadler, Habitat Conservation Division Regional EFH Coordinator
- Office of National Marine Sanctuaries—1 position (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7):
 - Mr. Ed Bowlby, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
 - Ms. Karen Reyna, Gulf of Farrallones National Marine Sanctuary
- Unsolicited—no positions specified (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 8):
 - Mr. Stephen B. Scheiblaue, Harbor Master, City of Monterey, CA

Council staff solicited for a total of ten positions. There is at least one nominee for each position specified in the Council's announcement except for the lack of a second scientist affiliated with a conservation organization. In addition, there is a nomination for an unsolicited position for a member who would be capable of representing the needs of ports.

The proposal for two representatives from the NWR provides for both a policy level person who led the original EFH effort and a representative of the NWR Habitat Section which would add additional depth and breadth to the committee. With regard to the two nominees offered by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), if ONMS is willing, staff believes it would be advantageous to name both to cover the geographic range of possible proposals. It might not be necessary for each to attend all meetings if the agenda did not include their geographic area of familiarity.

Staff is also aware that COP 22 included a representative from the Enforcements Consultants (EC) on the EFHRC and that was not included in the action taken by the Council in April. The Council may wish to ask the EC to comment on the need for EC membership on the EFHRC.

If the Council seats the EFHRC at this meeting, the next step would be for it to meet prior to the September Council meeting. At its first meeting, the EFHRC would appoint a chair and vice chair, and review and recommend a revised COP 22 as needed to clarify and establish: the EFHRC charge; a schedule and process for the five year review; an adjusted schedule, criteria, and process for submission and review of proposed EFH changes within the five-year period; and any other recommendations deemed appropriate, including the EFHRC role in recommending additional or replacement members.

Vacancies on Permanent Council Advisory Bodies

The following advisory body positions are vacant with no nominations:

- GMT NMFS NW Region, 2nd Position
- Habitat Committee IDFG Position

Update on Appointments to Other Forums

None.

Changes to COP

COP 22, Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review and Modification, is held in abeyance until the Council can consider recommendations from the EFHRC.

Council Action:

1. **Confirm or provide guidance on appointments to Council advisory bodies and potential COP changes.**
2. **At the time of briefing book preparation, the following specific items needed attention: the ODFW CPSMT position, the IATTC HMSMT position, and membership of the EFHRC.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination—ODFW CPSMT Position.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Nominations—NMFS FSC Scientists on EFHRC.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Nomination—Conservation Scientist on EFHRC.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: Nominations—Scientists At-large on EFHRC.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: Nominations—Fishing Industry Positions on EFHRC.
6. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6: Nominations—NMFS NWR Position on EFHRC.
7. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7: Nominations—ONMS Position on the EFHRC.
8. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 8: Nomination—Unsolicited Position.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview John Coon
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to COP and Appoint New Advisory Body Members as Needed (Including Initial Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee)

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