

## MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has the opportunity to consider Administrative appointment issues with regard to the Council Membership Roster, including Council Members, advisory body membership, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP) or the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP).

### Council Members and Designees

There were no changes to Council membership at the time of the advanced March Briefing Book. Dr. Steve Haeseker has been nominated to fill the USFWS seats on the Salmon Technical Team and the Model Evaluation Workgroup and it is anticipated that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will revise its Council designees in the future.

### Council Advisory Body Appointments

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

Ms. Abigail Harley has been nominated to fill the National Marine Fisheries Service seat on the GMT formally held by Ms. Gretchen Hanshaw (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1).

#### *Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW)*

Dr. Steve Haeseker has been nominated to fill the USFWS vacancies on the Salmon Technical Team and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2).

### *Vacancies*

The following seats remain vacant:

- Habitat Committee
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Northwest or Columbia River tribal position
- Model Evaluation Workgroup
  - Northwest Indian Fish Commission
  - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
  - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Salmon Technical Team
  - Tribal Government
- Scientific and Statistical Committee
  - Northwest Fisheries Science Center

### Changes to Council Operating Procedures

Council staff has been working on improving the process for submitting supplemental public comment at Council meetings. The new proposals are intended to clarify and streamline the process so that supplemental public comments submitted at Council meetings enter the record

more efficiently and more effectively. The proposals do not substantially change procedures for submitting written material for the advanced Council Briefing Book or the supplemental public comment distribution at the onset of a Council meeting. Rather, the newly proposed procedures are focused on written testimony submitted at a Council meeting in support of oral testimony. Additionally, at the September 2016 Council meeting, the Legislative Committee recommended adding language to COP 1 regarding membership and officers.

Implementing these changes requires changes to COP 1 regarding general Council meeting operations. Council staff has revised COP 1 to reflect these proposals, including some housekeeping updates to clarify and bring the COP up to date with current practices (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1). The Council is anticipated to review these proposed changes and consider adopting them for public review before potential final adoption at the April Council meeting.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Consider any appointment and membership issues.**
- 2. Consider any changes or additions to Council Operating Procedures and consider adopting proposed changes to COP 1 for public review before potential final adoption at the April Council meeting.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: Harley GMT Nomination.
2. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2: Haeseker STT and MEW Nomination.
3. Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1: Draft revised COP 1 regarding supplemental public comment at Council meetings, Legislative Committee membership, and housekeeping updates.

Agenda Order:

- C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Mike Burner
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures

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