

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON ADVISORY BODY POSITION
APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) understands that the current Fishery Science Center (FSC) representatives on the GMT are scheduled to rotate off in the near term. The GMT encourages the FSC to continue to nominate members to fill all positions listed in the Council Operating Procedure (COP) as their contributions are valuable.

COP 3 (<http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/cop3.pdf>) regarding GMT membership states that “One of the members should be an economist.” The GMT recommends the FSCs consider nominating both economists and stock assessors in the future, preferably so that both backgrounds are part of the GMT simultaneously.

The GMT has greatly benefited from the economic expertise of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center appointed science advisor, Ms. Rosemary Kosaka, who has brought a set of valuable skills to the GMT, that were not well represented among the remaining team members. We would like to ensure that economists continue to be included in future GMT rosters, as economic impacts represent an increasingly important consideration in many groundfish management issues.

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