MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Council has the opportunity to consider issues with regard to changes in the Council Membership Roster, including Council Members, advisory body membership, and appointments to other forums, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP).

Council Members and Designees

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Council Member Committee Appointments

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Management and Technical Teams

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline. There are currently vacancies in the Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT), Groundfish Management Team (GMT), and Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) as described below.

Ecosystem Plan Development Team

Initial members for the EPDT were selected in November 2009 and the initial meeting was held in February 2010. The EPDT was established with 13 members as follows:

- 5 members—one from each of four state fishery agencies and a tribal management entity
- 2 members—one from each of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Regions
- 5 members from NMFS Fishery Science Centers (at least one with socio-economic expertise)
- 1 member from the National Ocean Service

The Following three positions remain vacant on the EPDT with no current nominations:

- California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)—one position.
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)—one position.
- Tribal Management Entities—one position.
Groundfish Management Team

The GMT is authorized to have 11 members as follows:

- 6 members—two from each coastal state fishery management agency
- 2 members—one from each NMFS Fisheries Science Center
- 2 members from the NMFS Northwest Region
- 1 member from tribal management entities

There is an ongoing vacancy for the second Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) position which the agency was unable to fill beginning in early 2009.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team

The HMSMT is authorized to have 8 members as follows:

- 3 members—one from each coastal state fishery management agency
- 2 members from the NMFS Southwest Fishery Science Center
- 2 members from the NMFS Southwest Region
- 1 member from a regional fishery management organization

There is an ongoing vacancy for the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) position resulting from the resignation of Dr. Kevin Piner in September 2009.

Advisory Subpanels

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline. There are currently vacancies in the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAP) as described below.

Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel

Initial members for the EAP were selected in November 2009 and the initial meeting was held in February 2010. The EAP is authorized to have 11 members as follows:

- 9 members—three at-large members for each of the coastal states
- 1 Idaho member
- 1 tribal member

The Following two positions remain vacant on the EAP with no current nominations:

- Idaho at-large—one position.
- Tribal at-large—one position.

Enforcement Consultants (EC)

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.
Habitat Committee (HC)

The Washington Department of Fisheries and Wildlife have named Mr. David Price to fill the WDFW position on the Habitat Committee formerly held by Ms. Teresa Scott (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1).

Ad Hoc Council Committees

Staff suggests the Council review the current ad hoc committees and consider eliminating any that are no longer needed or are outdated. Closed Session A.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 2 (to be provided at the meeting) will list the ad hoc committees and their members with staff comments and recommendations on the status of each committee.

Appointments to Other Forums

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Changes to Council Operating Procedures

No changes were identified or requested by the Briefing Book deadline.

Council Action:

1. Consider general issues with regard to appointments and potential COP changes.
2. Confirm the nomination of Mr. David Price for the WDFW HC position.
3. Provide advice for the following extended vacancies on advisory bodies:
   a. CDFG, IDFG, and Tribal positions on the EPDT;
   b. Idaho and Tribal at-large positions on the EAP;
   c. WDFW position on the GMT; and
   d. NMFS SWFSC position on the HMSMT.
4. Review membership and termination of the Council’s current ad hoc committees.

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination of Mr. David Price to the WDFW position on the HC.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Supplemental Attachment 2: Staff Review of Ad Hoc Council Committees.

Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
   John Coon
c. Public Comment
d. Council Action: Consider Changes to COP and Advisory Body Appointments as Needed

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