MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

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

Election of Council Chair and Vice Chairs
The Chair and two Vice Chairs of the Council are generally elected for one year terms by majority vote of the Council members at the June Council meeting. The terms for the elected officers will commence on August 11, 2010 and end on August 10, 2011.

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 resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Management and Technical Teams

Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT)
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) has nominated Mr. Richard Scully for their position on the EPDT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1).

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)
The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region has nominated Mr. Sean Matson for one of the two NMFS Northwest Region positions on the GMT, replacing Ms. Sarah Williams (Attachment 2).

Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT)
The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Region has nominated Ms. Heidi Hermsmeyer for one of the two NMFS Southwest Region positions on the HMSMT, replacing Mr. Lyle Enriquez (Attachment 3).
Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW)

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has nominated Ms. Angelika Hagen-Breaux for the WDFW position on the MEW (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Advisory Subpanels

No resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Enforcement Consultants (EC)

No resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Habitat Committee (HC)

No resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Ad Hoc Council Committees

At the April 2010 meeting, the Council approved establishing a Regulatory Deeming Workgroup to help review the proposed regulations for Groundfish Amendments 20 and 21. The following persons were appointed to the committee which had its initial meeting on May 20-21, 2010:

Dr. Dave Hanson, Chair          Mr. Merrick Burden          Mr. Joe Sullivan
Mr. Corey Niles                 Mr. Craig Urness            Mr. Dayna Matthews
Mr. Robert Alverson             Mr. Pete Leipzig            AC Tony Warrington
Mr. Brent Paine                 Mr. Michael Lake
Ms. Donna Parker                Mr. Dan Waldeck

In April, the Council also discussed, but did not establish, two possible ad hoc committees.

One ad hoc committee was considered under Agenda Item K.2 (Membership Appointments) to help explore abundance-based approaches to setting allowable fishing rates in the long-term to protect Lower Columbia River tule Chinook. Another ad hoc committee was considered under the Highly Migratory Species Agenda Item G.1 to further refine Council recommendations to the Northern Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). At this meeting, the Council should complete consideration of these committees. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5 provides proposed criteria for the committees.

Unfilled Vacancies

Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT)

As of the Briefing Book deadline, the Tribes have not yet identified a nominee for the tribal position on the EPDT. Given the timing of meetings and initiation of work, staff recommends the Council consider the position to be vacant for the initial ecosystem plan development effort and no further attempt be made to find a nominee. If, at some time in the future, the Tribes wish to have someone on the EPDT, the Council will consider their nomination.
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS)

The Tribal at-large position on the EAS remains vacant (the vacancy was posted on our website beginning in February). Given the timing of meetings and difficulty for a tribal representative to be involved in this advisory body, staff recommends the Council consider dropping the Tribal at-large position on the EAS.

Appointments to Other Forums

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

Changes to Council Operating Procedures (COP)

Staff has modified COP 2 to eliminate the Idaho at-large position on the EAS. No other changes were identified or requested by the Briefing Book deadline.

Council Action:

1. Consider issues with regard to appointments and potential COP changes.
2. Consider election of Council Chair and Vice Chairs.
3. Approve the nomination for Mr. Richard Scully to the IDFG position on the EPDT.
4. Consider the nomination for Mr. Sean Matson to a NMFS Northwest Region position on the GMT.
5. Consider the nomination for Ms. Heidi Hermsmeyer to a NMFS Southwest Region position on the HMSMT.
6. Consider the nomination for Ms. Angelika Hagen-Breaux to the WDFW position on the MEW.
7. Provide advice for the following extended vacancies on advisory bodies:
   a. Tribal position on the EPDT; and
   b. Tribal at-large position on the EAS.
8. Consider establishing ad hoc committees to:
   a. Help explore abundance-based approaches for setting allowable fishing rates in the long-term to protect Lower Columbia River tule Chinook; and
   b. Further refine Council recommendations to the Northern Committee of the WCPFC.

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination for Mr. Richard Scully to the IDFG position on the EPDT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Nomination for Mr. Sean Matson to a NMFS Northwest Region position on the GMT.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Nomination for Ms. Heidi Hermsmeyer to a NMFS Southwest Region position on the HMSMT.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: Nomination for Ms. Angelika Hagen-Breaux to the WDFW position on the MEW.
Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview  

b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities  

c. Public Comment  

d. Council Action: Elect New Council Chair and Vice Chairs, Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Advisory Body Appointments

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