

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, advisory body membership, and appointments to other forums, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP).

Council Members and Designees

The appointments to the 2010-2013 Council member term were announced in late June. Mr. Dan Wolford was reappointed to his second consecutive term in an at-large position and Mr. Herb Pollard was appointed to his first term as the Idaho Obligatory member.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has designated Mr. Dave Ortmann to serve as its second designee for the Idaho principal state official Council member, Director Cal Groen.

Council Member Committee Appointments

In his new position as Council Chair, Mr. Mark Cedergreen will replace outgoing chair and Council member Dave Ortmann on the Budget and Groundfish Allocation committees.

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 National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NMFS NWFSC) has nominated Dr. Phil Levin to replace Dr. Mary Ruckelshaus on the EPDT (Attachment 1). The SSC Chair will provide that body's recommendations regarding the nomination.

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has nominated Ms. Heather Reed to the second WDFW position on the GMT (Attachment 2). The SSC Chair will provide that body's recommendations regarding the nomination.

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

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

Unfilled Vacancies

None identified by the Briefing Book deadline that have not already been addressed by the Council.

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 (Advisory Subpanels) to eliminate the Tribal At-Large position on the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.

Staff proposes a change to certain COPs to better manage administrative logistics and additional costs involved when advisory body alternates are designated at the last minute before a meeting.

Currently, most advisory body members may designate an alternate up to two times per year if done in writing in advance of the meeting. That usually means an email, some of which are not received until a few days or less prior to the meeting. There is a certain amount of meeting logistics which precede each meeting that, if left to the last minute, cause additional work and cost for the Council (e.g., hotel and travel reservations and document distribution). This is especially true for those bodies that meet in conjunction with a Council meeting when any changes may come as final preparations for the meeting are already requiring the focus of all Council staff. Last minute alternates can also cause confusion and delays during the actual meetings. Therefore, Council staff believe a deadline for designating alternates would be useful.

For the reasons cited above, Council staff proposes to modify the COPs for Advisory Subpanels (COP 2); Plan, Technical and Management Teams (COP 3); Scientific and Statistical Committee (COP 4); Enforcement Consultants (COP 5); Habitat Committee (COP 6); Groundfish Allocation Committee (COP 7); and Ad Hoc Committees (COP 8) by making the following, or similar, changes to each operative section governing alternates (edited example below is from COP 2):

Alternates

A subpanel member may send an alternate to a subpanel meeting no more than twice per calendar year under the following stipulations. If The Executive Director must be is notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed

alternate at least two weeks prior to the first day of the advisory body meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the advisory body meeting. ~~a subpanel member may send an alternate to a subpanel meeting no more than twice per year when the official is unable to attend.~~ The alternate will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules. Exceptions **to these stipulations** may be made ~~to exceed two alternates per year~~ at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences.

Council Action:

1. Consider issues with regard to appointments and potential COP changes.
2. Approve the nomination of Dr. Phil Levin for a NWFSC position on the EPDT.
3. Approve the nomination of Ms. Heather Reed for the second WDFW position on the GMT.
4. Consider amending the COP with regard to requirements for notifying the Council of a designated advisory body member alternate.

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination of Dr. Phil Levin to a NWFSC position on the EPDT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Nomination of Ms. Heather Reed to the second WDFW position on the GMT.

Agenda Order:

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

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