



Pacific Fishery Management Council

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REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS TO AT-LARGE VACANCY ON THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking qualified candidates to consider for an at-large position on its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The successful candidate will serve out the remainder of the 2010-2012 Council advisory body term.

The Council relies on its SSC for independent, objective advice and analysis about verifiable scientific evidence and theoretical methodologies regarding west coast fishery management approaches and practices. The successful candidate should have knowledge of west coast fisheries and strong scientific expertise in statistics, biology, ecosystem dynamics, economics, fisheries management, population dynamics, fishery-related social science, or other related fields.

Although agency personnel are eligible to serve in the at-large positions, these positions are not intended to represent management entities or be formally associated with any particular state, tribal, or Federal entity.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations may be sent to the Council office by mail, FAX, or email, but must be accompanied by a cover letter with a brief summary of the nominee's qualifications and curriculum vitae. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by other individuals or entities. The appointment to the position will be considered at the March 2-7, 2012 Council meeting in Sacramento, California. To ensure consideration at the Council's March 2012 meeting, please submit all nominations to the Council Office by **February 8, 2012**.

For further information on the SSC or the nomination process, please contact [Dr. Donald McIsaac](#) or [Dr. John Coon](#), Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, Oregon 97220-1384; telephone: 503-820-2280 or toll free 866-806-7204.

The duties of the SSC, as described in the Council's Operating Procedure 4, are provided below.

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE DUTIES

When requested by the Council Chair or Executive Director, the SSC shall:

1. Provide expert scientific and technical advice to the Council on the development of fishery management policy, focusing on scientific merit of a proposed action independent from Council policy decisions.
2. Provide the Council advice in the development, collection, evaluation, and peer review of such statistical, biological, economic, social, and other scientific information as is relevant to the Council's development and amendment of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) in accordance with the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the National Standards as amended through January 12, 2007.
3. Provide the Council ongoing scientific advice for active fishery management decisions including, but not limited to, evaluations and recommendations on acceptable biological catch, stock status assessments, stock status forecasts, proposed management measures, defining and achieving maximum sustainable yield, achieving rebuilding targets for overfished species, bycatch, habitat status, social and economic impacts of management measures, and sustainability of fishing practices. Such advice shall be based on the review and evaluation of statistical, biological, economic, social, and other scientific information, analyses, analytical methodologies, literature, research, and other information relevant to Council decision-making. Such advice shall be provided in written statements to the Council that include recommendations as appropriate on scientific quality of available information, both in terms of status as the best available science and soundness of science for use in fishery management decision-making, uncertainty, and risk management.
4. Assist the Council in identifying statistical, biological, economic, social, or other scientific research needs and identify entities with ongoing research-programs that may be able to develop needed information for the implementation of Council obligations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. (See Council Operating Procedure Number 12 entitled Update and Communication of Research and Data Needs and West Coast Economic Data Plan.)
5. Advise the Council on preparing comments on any application for foreign fishing transmitted to the Council by the U.S. Department of State.
6. Provide scientific advice to the Council on preparing comments on any FMP or amendment prepared by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) or the Secretary's delegate which are transmitted to the Council pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
7. Review qualifications of Plan Team and SSC nominees and present recommendations to the Council.

8. Perform such other necessary and appropriate duties as may be required by the Council to carry out its functions under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

MEETING FREQUENCY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

At the present time, the SSC meets five times per year, generally in two-day or sometimes three-day meetings in conjunction with Council meetings. These meetings occur in March, April, June, September, and November. In addition, various subcommittees of the SSC meet as needed, generally once or twice a year, to review special projects or issues. The Council will reimburse travel costs for nonfederal SSC members while on official Council travel as per the *Council Travel Rules* document.

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