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). At this meeting the Council will also make decisions about advisory body structure and membership for the 2010-2012 advisory body term.

Council Member Designees

By a letter received at the Council office on October 9, 2009, Mr. Barry Thom, Acting Regional Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Region, has appointed Mr. Kevin Duffy to be his third designee with regard to representing NMFS at Council meetings.

Council Member Committee Appointments

None at the time of briefing book preparation.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

No changes other than for the new term for at-large members which is covered separately below under the 2010-2012 Advisory Body Term.

Management and Technical Teams

Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT)—The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has nominated Ms. Lorna Wargo to replace Mr. Corey Niles on the HMSMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1).

Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT)—The Council established an EPDT at the September meeting and staff has solicited nominations. The membership positions, nominees, and nomination letters are contained in Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2.

At the time of briefing book preparation, nominations (one for each position) had not been received from California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), and for the tribal government position. The National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region (NMFS SWR) has suggested that the Council delay appointing the Science Center position with economic expertise until a later date, after the biological and physical components of the plan have been developed.

Advisory Subpanels

Because January 2010 starts the new term for Advisory Subpanels, all changes are discussed below under the heading “2010-2012 Advisory Body Term.”
Enforcement Consultants (EC)

No changes at the time of briefing book preparation.

Habitat Committee (HC)

The NMFS SWR has nominated Mr. Eric Chavez to replace Mr. Bryant Chesney as their representative on the HC (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3). Non-agency positions on the HC expired at the end of the year and nominations are included under the discussion below of the 2010-2012 Advisory Body Term.

Other Council Committees

No changes at the time of briefing book preparation.

Unfilled Vacancies on Permanent Council Advisory Bodies

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) position on the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) is currently vacant with no nomination.

Appointments to Other Forums

None proposed at the time of briefing book preparation.

Changes to Council Operating Procedures (COP)

Plan Development Team and Subpanel for Developing an Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Plan (EBFMP)

The Council established an EPDT and EAS at the September meeting which have been added to COP 3 (Plan, Technical, and Management Teams) and COP 2 (Advisory Subpanels), respectively. The make-up of the two bodies is as follows:

Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT): 12 members as follows—one member from each state fishery management entity; one tribal government member; one member each from the NWR and SWR; four members from the NWFSC and SWFSC, of which at least one has socio-economic expertise; and one member from National Ocean Service (NOS).

Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS): 11 members as follows—three at-large members from each coastal state, one at-large member from Idaho, and one tribal member.

2010-2012 Advisory Body Term

The Council must select advisory body members for the 2010-2012 Advisory Body Term for the:

- Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS)—all 10 members
- Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS)—all 11 members
- Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP)—all 20 members
- Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS)—all 13 members
- Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS)—all 15 members
♦ Habitat Committee (HC)—6 non-agency members
♦ Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)—7 at-large members

A complete listing of all nominees for the positions is provided in Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachments 5 through 12 contain the actual nomination letters, compiled separately for each advisory body and listed alphabetically (to the degree possible) by nominee within each body. For reference, Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 13 contains the COPs for these advisory bodies (COP 2, 3, 4, and 6).

At the time of briefing book preparation, those positions for which there are no nominations are as follows.

EAS: one Idaho position; one Tribal position; and there are only two nominees for the three Washington positions.
GAP: one California Charter South of Pt. Conception; one California Charter North of Pt. Conception; and one sport Fisheries at-large (California).
HMSAS: one Southern Charter and one Conservation position (Brizendine, Fox).
SAS: one Active Tribal Fisher.
HC: one Northwest or Columbia River Tribal representative and one California Tribal representative.
SSC: one at-large position.

Council Tasks:
1. Consider appointments and potential COP changes.
2. With regard to appointments to fill vacancies:
   a. For management teams, consider the nomination for the WDFW HMSMT position and the nominations for all 12 EPDT positions;
   b. Confirm the appointment of Mr. Eric Chavez to the NMFS position on the HC.
3. Consider any needed COP changes and appoint new advisory body members to the 2010-2012 advisory body term.
4. Direct any necessary action to solicit additional nominees.

Reference Materials:
1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination of Ms. Lorna Wargo to the HMSMT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Positions and Nominations to the EPDT.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Nomination of Mr. Eric Chavez to the HC.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: Complete Listing of Nominations for the 2010-2012 Advisory Body Term.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: Industry Associations with Nominations for Multiple Advisory Bodies.

Agenda Order:

a. Agenda Item Overview
b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
c. Public Comment
d. **Council Action:** Appoint New Advisory Body Members and Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures as Needed

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