

PROPOSED CHANGE IN TERMS OF COUNCIL ADVISORY BODY MEMBERS

Situation: To reduce administrative work load and improve Council and staff efficiency in handling fishery management issues, the staff recommends extending subpanel, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and Habitat Steering Group (HSG) appointments from two- to three-year terms. This is the same length as Council member appointments and would require modification of Council Operating Procedures (COP) 2, 4, and 6. The Council would need to make a decision on this issue at the September meeting since the next request for nominations to the advisory bodies will be issued following this meeting.

Another issue which the Council may wish to consider and solicit input for is the restriction in COP 2 which limits advisory body members to one alternate per year who cannot be reimbursed by the Council. This restriction may cause unnecessary hardship for some subpanel members and require additional Council deliberations without any beneficial purpose. The Council could choose to consider this and other issues which may arise during the agenda discussion, at a later meeting.

Council Action:

1. Consider amending COPs 2, 4, and 6 (subpanels, SSC, and HSG) to provide that the Council appoint members for three- rather than two-year terms.
2. Consider and provide guidance for any other pertinent issues involving COPs for advisory bodies, including the limitation on alternates for subpanel members.

Reference Materials:

1. Council Operating Procedure 2, Advisory Subpanels (Exhibit F.3, Attachment 1).

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