

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY GROUPS

Situation: There are two elements to this agenda item. First, consideration of issues relating to, and nominations for, current plan team and subpanel vacancies. Second, the composition of advisory entities and solicitation of nominations for the new term beginning 2001.

A. Considerations for Current Vacancies

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY SUBPANEL (HMSAS)

Due to his appointment to the Council, Mr. Donald Hansen is unable to attend future meetings of the HMSAS. Mr. Hansen has designated Mr. Robert Fletcher as the alternate to his seat on the subpanel.

Mr. Joe Ciaramitaro has resigned from the subpanel due to time constraints. Mr. Ciaramitaro has requested that Anthony Vuoso be allowed to replace him for the remainder of the term.

In regard to these positions being filled by Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Vuoso, the Council has been requested to consider waiving the Council Operating Procedure (COP) that restricts alternates from representing members more than once per year. In both cases, the vacancies came too late to allow the Council to follow the procedures in COP 2 (advertising the positions and selecting new representatives) and seat new members at the November subpanel meetings. Allowing the alternates to sit at two meetings this year could resolve this problem until members are selected for the new term beginning 2001. The chair of the HMSAS has also requested, by e-mail of August 15, the expenses for the HMSAS alternates be reimbursed. COP 2 also prohibits this reimbursement (currently, National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS], rather than the Council, pays for HMSAS member travel expenses).

Mr. Hansen is the sole representative for charter boat operators and Mr. Ciaramitaro is one of two processor representatives on the subpanel. As the Council develops the highly migratory species fishery management plan, it is important that all affiliations on the subpanel be represented.

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL (GAP)

The appointment of Donald Hansen to the Council has also created a vacancy in the California Charter Boat Operator position of the GAP. Since notification of Mr. Hansen's appointment was not available until after the June meeting, the Council has not advertised to fill the GAP vacancy. Under COP 2, a replacement for the vacant GAP position could not be approved until the November Council meeting, too late to allow a replacement within the current term. Therefore, it appears the seat will go vacant in September and November and be filled in the new term beginning in 2001.

A letter of nomination for Mr. Darby Neil to the position vacated by Mr. Hansen has been received from the Sportfishing Association of California. Unless otherwise informed, Council staff will consider this letter as a nomination for the new term beginning 2001.

COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM (CPSMT)

The resignation of Dr. Richard Parrish has created a vacant seat representing NMFS on the CPSMT. A letter of nomination for Dr. Paul Smith has been received from NMFS, Southwest Region. The nomination letter and Dr. Smith's curriculum vitae are included under the Closed Session tab of this briefing book.

National Marine Fisheries Service

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
Dr. Paul E. Smith , Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA	Mr. Rodney R. McInnis, NMFS Southwest Region, Long Beach, CA

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM (STT)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) seat on the STT is vacant because the former representative, Mr. Dell Simmons, is now employed by NMFS. The Council has received a letter from USFWS nominating Mr. Henry Yuen to fill the vacancy. The nomination letter and Mr. Yuen's curriculum vitae are included under the Closed Session tab of this briefing book.

In addition, NMFS has requested Mr. Simmons remain on the STT as an eighth member. The COP allows for up to eight members on planning teams. The current seven positions on the team represent the following entities: one member each from the state agencies of California, Oregon, and Washington; one member each from the NW and SW Regions of NMFS; one USFWS representative; and one tribal representative. Plan team appointments are for indefinite terms.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
<i>Mr. Henry Yuen</i> , USFWS, Columbia River Fisheries Program Office, Vancouver, WA	Mr. Timothy W. Roth, USFWS Council Representative, Vancouver, WA

National Marine Fisheries Service	
<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
<i>Mr. Dell Simmons</i> , NMFS, Lacy, WA	NMFS

B. Composition of Advisory Entities and Solicitation for Nominations for 2001

The two-year terms of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, advisory subpanels, and most members of the Habitat Steering Group (HSG) expire on December 31, 2000. The Council needs to review the composition of each group, revise them if appropriate, and solicit nominations for the next term (two or three years, depending on Council action under Agendum F.3). Appointments will be made at the October 31-November 3, 2000 meeting. The respective groups may have comments on their composition and, if so, will report these to the Council at the September meeting.

The current advisory body compositions are provided below.

Habitat Steering Group - 13 members

- One National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- One U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- One Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)
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- Four state fishery management agencies
- Two tribal representatives (one Klamath, one Northwest or Columbia River)
- Two fishing industry
- One conservation representative
- One at-large

The Council, NMFS, USFWS, and PSMFC members serve indefinite terms. The remaining members serve two-year terms, and these seats need to be advertised. **The Council deferred final action to this meeting in regard to establishing a seat for a Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) representative to the HSG.**

Scientific and Statistical Committee - 14 members

- Four state fishery management agencies (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California)
- Three NMFS (Alaska, Northwest, and Southwest Centers)

One tribal fishery management entity
Six at-large (three social scientists of which two must be economists)

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel - 11 members

Three California commercial fishers
One Oregon commercial fisher
One Washington commercial fisher
One Northern California charter/sport fisher
One Southern California charter/sport fisher
Three processors
One conservation representative

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel - 16 members

Three trawlers (Washington, Oregon, California)
One open access fisher
Three charter boat operators (Washington, Oregon, California)
Two sport fishers
Two processors
One at-sea processor
Three fixed gear (at-large)
One conservation representative

Halibut Advisory Subpanel - 6 members

One longliner (Washington)
Two charter boat operators (Washington Coast, Oregon)
Two sport fishers (Washington, Oregon)
One processor

Salmon Advisory Subpanel - 17 members

Three Trollers (Washington, Oregon, California)
One gillnetter
One processor
Three charter boat operators (Washington, Oregon, California)
Four sport fishers (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California)
Three tribal representatives (Washington Coast, Columbia River, California)
One conservation representative
One public at-large

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel - 12 members

One commercial troll
One commercial purse seine
One commercial gillnet
One commercial at-large
One private sport fisher
One charter boat operator
One Northern processor
One Southern processor
Two public at-large (at least one conservation representative)

Council Action:

1. In response to the need to fill current vacancies in the HMSAS for the remainder of the 1999-2000 term, consider waiving those portions of COP 2 that prohibit subpanel alternates from (a) representing members more than once per year and (b) receiving reimbursement for travel-related expenses.

2. Appoint new members to the CPSMT and STT.
3. Review composition of advisory entities and revise for the next term, if appropriate.
4. Direct staff to solicit nominations for members to the HSG, SSC, GAP, HAS, SAS, and HMSAS for the new term beginning in 2001.

Reference Materials:

1. Resignation and nomination letter for the HMSAS from Mr. Joe Ciaramitaro (Closed Session, Attachment 1).
2. Nomination letter for the GAP from Mr. Bob Fletcher (Closed Session, Attachment 2).
3. Nomination letter and curriculum vitae for CPSMT from Mr. Rod McInnis (Closed Session, Attachment 3).
4. Nomination letter and curriculum vitae for STT from Mr. Tim Roth (Closed Session, Attachment 4).

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