

PUBLIC-AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON ADVISORY BODIES

The criteria immediately below have been adopted to help clarify the Council's expectations in filling the Public-at-Large position on the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) and are now under consideration for formal application to all advisory bodies. At the current time, at-large members are included on the HMSAS, Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), Habitat Steering Group (HSG), and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

Criteria Adopted to Help Guide Selection of the Public-at-Large Position on the HMSAS

- Person has interest in and is knowledgeable about highly migratory species management and fisheries.
- Person is not an appointed, elected, or paid representative of a recreational, commercial, or environmental organization.
- Priority consideration will be given to individuals who represent port districts, coastal community businesses, seafood safety experts, or individuals who have expertise not otherwise represented on the committee and would provide a valuable contribution to the advisory group.
- An individual will not be considered solely on the basis of their participation in the sport or commercial fishery (including processing) or environmental activities.

Potential Criteria for a Public-at-Large Position on Any Subpanel

The following somewhat more generalized criteria, or something similar, could be incorporated in the COPs for Advisory Subpanels, HSG, or SSC to provide guidance for any at-large position:

- Individual has interest and knowledge about the management, fisheries, and/or issues covered by the designated advisory body.
- Individual is not an appointed, elected, or paid representative of a recreational, commercial, or environmental organization involved with fishery issues.
- Priority consideration will be given to individuals who represent port districts, coastal community businesses, seafood safety experts, or individuals who have expertise not otherwise represented on the committee and would provide a valuable contribution to the advisory group.
- An individual will not be considered solely on the basis of their participation in the sport or commercial fishery (including processing) or environmental activities.

Impact on Present At-Large Positions

The HSG currently has one at-large position which is held by Ms. Jennifer Bloeser, Science Director of the Pacific Marine Conservation Council. It appears she would no longer qualify for that position if the proposed criteria included the HSG. Ms. Bloeser serves as co-chair on the HSG.

The SAS currently has one at-large position which is held by Mr. Chris Mohr, President of Van Rippers Resort. It is unknown if Mr. Mohr holds is a representative of any commercial, recreational, or conservation organization which would disqualify him from the position.

The SSC currently has six at-large positions held by the following persons: Dr. Brian Allee, Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority; Dr. Ramon Conser, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center; Dr. Michael Dalton, California State University; Dr. Robert Francis, University of Washington; Dr. Andre Punt, University of Washington; and Dr. Stephen Ralston, NMFS. While none of these members would be disqualified by the proposed criteria, because of the special nature of the SSC, the fourth criterion does not apply to this body.

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