

## APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BODIES, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND OTHER FORUMS

Situation: The following administrative issues require Council guidance and action on appointments to advisory bodies as described below.

1. **Elimination of tribal seats on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS)** - At its April 2002 meeting, the Council stated its intent to eliminate the three tribal seats on the SAS (Washington coastal, Columbia River, and California). This recommendation arose when the Council discussed the status of the California tribal seats on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) and Habitat Committee (HC) which have been held by the Yurok and Hoopa Valley Indian tribes. Mr. Harp noted the co-manager status of the tribes and the manner of their representation before the full Council and in other forums (e.g., Klamath Fishery Management Council and North of Cape Falcon Forum) in which tribal representatives are directly recognized along with the other management entities. In contrast, the advisory subpanels generally consist of non-management representatives of the fishing industry, public, and conservation entities. In light of these facts, the open nature of subpanel deliberations, and the need for efficiency and effectiveness of the Council advisory process, the Council agreed to communicate its intent to consider eliminating all tribal positions on the SAS at its June 2002 meeting. The Council clarified that this action does not affect the tribal fisherman position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel or tribal representation on the HC or any other advisory bodies.
2. **Creation of a new position on the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to be filled by a scientist from the Northwest Fishery Science Center (NWFSC) with expertise in groundfish population dynamics** - At its April 2002 meeting, the Council stated its intent to create and fill this position to help meet the increasing demands of groundfish management. The NWFSC has nominated Dr. Han-Lin Lai to the new position (Closed Session, Attachment 1).
3. **Creation of a new position on the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to be filled by a tribal scientist with groundfish expertise** - At its April 2002 meeting, the Council stated its intent to create and fill this position to help meet the increasing demands of groundfish management. The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission has nominated Mr. Robert Jones to this new position (Closed Session, Attachment 2).
4. **Clarify status of additional state assistance to the GMT** - The Council has increased funding by 10% to the three coastal state contracts (Washington, Oregon, and California) to help pay for additional assistance to the GMT. The Council should clarify the status of the three individuals providing this assistance to the GMT (e.g., three additional state GMT positions). Nominees to the GMT must submit their Curriculum Vitae to the SSC for review and comment, and be formally approved by the Council.
5. **Consider a request to add a southern California processor position to the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS)** - Exhibit B.1.iv, Supplemental Attachment 1, contains a letter requesting the Council to create and fill this position with Ms. Diane Pleschner. If the Council wishes to create such a position, it should announce that intent and solicit nominations for action in September. Currently, the CPSAS consists of 11 members (see Council Roster) of which three are processors (Mr. Joe Cappuccio, Salinas; Mr. A. Marchand, Illawco; and Ms. Heather Munro, Waldport).

### Council Action:

1. **Confirm Council intent to eliminate tribal seats on the SAS.**
2. **Create a new position and approve appointment of a NWFSC scientist to the SSC.**
3. **Create a new position and approve appointment of a tribal scientist to the GMT**
4. **Clarify status of additional state assistance to the GMT.**
5. **Provide guidance on the request to add a southern processor to the CPSAS.**

Reference Materials:

1. Nomination from Dr. Usha Varanasi (Closed Session, Attachment 1).
2. Nomination from Mr. James Anderson (Closed Session, Attachment 2).
3. Letter from Ms. Diane Pleschner (Exhibit B.1.iv, Supplemental Attachment 1).

Council Agenda:

- a. Appointments to Advisory Bodies
  - i. Consider Eliminating Tribal Salmon Advisory Subpanel Seats
  - ii. Scientific and Statistical Committee National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center Position
  - iii. Groundfish Management Team Tribal Scientist
  - iv. Miscellaneous Issues
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. **Council Action:** Consider Membership Revisions and Appoint New Members

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