

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BODIES, STANDING COMMITTEES,
AND OTHER FORUMS

Situation: **2004-2006 Advisory Body Terms** - The three-year terms of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, Habitat Committee, and advisory subpanels, expire on December 31, 2003. The Council needs to review the composition of each group, revise them if appropriate, and solicit nominations for the next term. Appointments will be made at the November 2003 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 Committee - 13 members

- One National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- One U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- One Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)
- 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 NMFS, USFWS, State Agency, and PSMFC members serve indefinite terms. Tribal representatives also serve indefinite terms according to the COP (Exhibit B.6, Attachment 1), however, at its November 2002 meeting the Council indicated that the Klamath tribal representative should serve through December 31, 2003. The Council should clarify its intent with regard to tribal representation. The remaining members serve three-year terms, and these seats need to be advertised.

Scientific and Statistical Committee - 15 members, including three social scientists of which two must have economic expertise (Exhibit B.6, Attachment 2).

- Four state fishery management agencies (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California)
- Four NMFS (one each from the Alaska and Southwest Centers, and two from the Northwest Center)
- One tribal fishery management entity
- Six at-large

The NMFS, State Agency, and Tribal representatives serve indefinite terms. The remaining six at-large members serve three-year terms, and these seats need to be advertised.

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 (California, Oregon and Washington)
- One conservation representative

All members serve three-year terms and these seats need to be advertised.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel - 18 members

- Three Fixed Gear (At-Large)
- One Conservation Representative
- Two Processors
- One At-Sea Processor
- Two Sport Fishers
- Three Trawlers (Washington, Oregon, California)
- Three Charter Boat Operators (Washington, Oregon, California)
- Two Open Access Fishers (1 north and 1 south of Cape Mendocino)
- One Tribal Fisher

The Tribal representatives serve indefinite terms. The remaining members serve three-year terms, and these seats need to be advertised. In addition, the Council should discuss the possibility of changing the composition of the GAP to include greater recreational representation, as agreed at the November 2002 Council meeting.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel - 16 members

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

According to the COP (Exhibit B.6, Attachment 3), tribal members serve indefinite terms. At the November 2002 meeting, however, the Council appointed the Washington Coast tribal representative through December 2003, and indicated that the California tribal representative should serve through December 31, 2003. The Council should clarify its intent with regard to tribal representation. The non-tribal representatives serve three-year terms, and these seats need to be advertised.

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel - 13 members

- One commercial troll
- One commercial purse seine
- One commercial gillnet
- Three commercial at-large
- One private sport fisher
- One charter boat operator
- One sport at-large
- One Northern processor
- One Southern processor
- One Conservation Representative
- One public at-large

All members serve three-year terms and these seats need to be advertised.

Other Appointments or Advisory Body Issues or Information - At the time of Briefing Book preparation, no other appointment issues were identified, although there is potential for action on the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) seats to the CPSMT and a NMFS SWFSC seat on the HMSPDT.

Council Action:

1. **Review composition of advisory entities and revise for the next term, if appropriate.**
2. **Clarify terms for tribal representatives on the HC, SAS, and GAP.**
3. **Direct staff to solicit nominations for members to the HC, SSC, CPSAS, GAP, SAS, and HMSAS for the new term beginning in 2004.**
4. **If necessary, confirm appointment(s) for the CDFG seats(s) on the CPSMT and the NMFS SWFSC seat on the HMSPDT.**

Reference Materials:

1. Council Operation Procedure 6, Habitat Committee (Exhibit B.6, Attachment 1)
2. Council Operating Procedure 4, Scientific and Statistical Committee (Exhibit B.6, Attachment 2)
3. Council Operating Procedure 2, Advisory Subpanels(Exhibit B.6, Attachment 3)

Agenda Order:

- a. Agendum Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Current Composition of Advisory Bodies and Direct Staff to Request Nominees for the 2004-2006 Term

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