

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE PROPOSED CHANGES

Following are very brief descriptions of the primary proposed changes in Council Operating Procedures (COPs) which are shown in more detail in Agenda Item B.3.a, Attachment 1. **The COPs in bold represent those in which proposed changes are relatively limited.**

Introduction. Edits to clarify the relationship to the Council *Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures* document. Provides procedure for creating or changing a COP.

COP-1 – General Council Meeting Operations. Minor edits to incorporate previously adopted policy changes, current practices, grammar and clarity. Adds Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendation for advance submission of materials protocol.

COP-2 – Advisory Subpanels. Changes for consistency with current practices and polices. Added definition of “public-at-large” position. Public notice (meetings) update for consistency with COP-1. Added statement that draft work products will not be distributed to the public unless authorized by the chair. Deleted ad-hoc advisory group text (see new COP-8). Added groundfish permit review function for Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) (per Council action, April 1996). Updated representation list.

COP-3 – Plan, Technical, and Management Teams. Changes to reflect technical team role in developing fishery management plans (FMPs), regulations, FMP amendments, and regulatory amendments. Added stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) document to duties list. Added Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW)-related model evaluation to duties list. Clarified list of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-related documents technical teams prepare and contribute to. Added draft work product statement, consistent with COPs 2 and 4. Public notice (meetings) updated for consistency with COPs 1, 2, and 4. Updated representation list.

COP-4 – SSC. Editorial changes regarding elections of officers, public notice (meetings), and termination of members; consistent with other COPs. Added draft work product clause, consistent with COPs 2 and 3.

COP-5 – Enforcement Consultants. Minor update to meeting section.

COP-6 – Habitat Committee. Updated representation list. Termination of members and public notice (meetings) consistent with COPs 2, 3, and 4.

Old COP-7 – Groundfish Permit Review Board. Deleted. Duties transferred to GAP per Council action April 1996.

New COP-7 – Allocation Committee. New COP designed to elevate the Ad Hoc Allocation Committee from an ad hoc to a standing committee and clarify the role, responsibilities, and function of the Allocation Committee.

Old COP-8 – Council Performance Select Group. Deleted; last met in 1987.

New COP-8 – Ad Hoc Committees. New COP to establish procedures for ad hoc committees.

COP-9 – Management and Activity Cycles. Substantial edits to update groundfish with biennial cycle, incorporate Ad Hoc Groundfish Information Policy Committee recommendations. Substantial edits to Pacific Halibut to reflect current schedule. New section on Highly Migratory Species (HMS) management cycle. Substantial changes to Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) to reflect current schedule.

COP-10 – Preseason Salmon Management Process. Minor changes to reflect current schedule and terminology from Amendment 14.

COP-11 – Plan Amendment Cycles. Substantial update to account for CPS and HMS, and make schedule similar for all FMPs.

COP-12 – Research and Data Needs, Economic Data Plan. Moderate changes to reflect need to prioritize within other Council workload items.

COP-13 – Confidentiality of Statistics. Minor format changes only.

COP-14 – Documentation of Outside Agreements. Minor update in terminology.

COP-15 – Salmon Methodology Review. Minor updates to clarify role of Salmon Technical Team and MEW in the process.

COP-16 – Weather Related Adjustment to Salmon Fisheries. Minor updates in terminology.

COP-17 – Foreign Fishing Review Procedure. Substantial changes to reflect current situation without regular participation of foreign vessels or joint venture activities.

COP-18 – Salmon Test Fishery Proposals. Minor changes for clarity.

New COP-19 – Groundfish Exempted Fishing Permits. Incorporation of Council-adopted policy into COP format.

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