

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BODIES, STANDING COMMITTEES,  
AND OTHER FORUMS

This agenda item includes two subjects; the first includes proposed changes to the Council Operating Procedures (COPs) affecting advisory bodies, the second includes appointments to vacant seats on advisory bodies.

**COPs**

In order to change a COP, the Council should observe the following procedures as indicated in the COP introduction:

“...revisions to a COP may occur through Council review (including advisory body and public input) and adoption. This may occur with proper notice before a Council meeting, or may occur over the course of two Council meetings, with preliminary action at the first meeting and final action at the second. After final Council action the revised COP would enter into effect.”

COP 7 lists membership in the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) as the Council Chair, and one representative each from the state management agencies, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, with NOAA General Counsel providing legal advice (Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 1). The Council also established and filled seven non-voting seats to advise the GAC on intersector allocation issues relating to development of a trawl individual quota program. The non-voting seats were appointed on an ad hoc basis prior to establishing the GAC as a standing committee, and the advisors were expected to serve as needed without specified appointment terms. However, when COP 7 was adopted in March 2005 establishing the GAC as a standing committee, the non-voting advisors were not listed in the GAC membership. The Council should consider an appropriate resolution of the membership issue, and Staff has developed some options for consideration:

- 1) Include the non-voting members in the membership list of COP 7.
- 2) Modify COP 7 to allow appointment of non-voting members for selected topics.
- 3) Establish the non-voting members as an ad hoc committee to advise the GAC.

Depending on how the issue is resolved, the Council should also consider establish guidelines for such membership, including appointment terms.

A request has also been made to add a whiting fishery representative to the GAC non-voting advisors, (Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 2). The current representation on the GAC is displayed in Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 3. If the Council recommends adding a non-voting advisor representing the whiting sector, the vacancy should be filled at the November meeting after Council staff solicits nominations between the September and November meetings.

## **Appointments**

The following advisory body vacancies are scheduled to be filled:

- One vacancy on the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) for a non-voting advisor to represent the processor sector to be selected from the following list of nominees:
  - Ms. Heather Munro Mann, Siletz, OR
  - Mr. Dale Myer, Seattle, WA
  - Mr. Charlie Hanson, Port Townsend, WA
- One vacancy on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) representing the processor sector to be selected from the following list of nominees:
  - Ms. Heather Munro Mann, Siletz, OR
- One vacancy on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) representing the California commercial fishery sector to be selected from the following list of nominees:
  - Mr. Anthony Nizetich, San Pedro, CA.
  - Mr. Neil Guglielmo, Camarillo, CA
  - Mr. Warren Stanton, San Pedro, CA
- The NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center has requested Dr. Stephen Stohs replace Dr. Sam Herrick on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team.

Appointments to existing ad hoc and standing committees to replace members that have had a change in status, or establishing new committees may also occur at this time.

Council staff advertised for the following Advisory Body vacancies, but received no nominees as of the briefing book deadline:

- One vacancy for the Washington Coast Tribal representative on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel.
- One vacancy for the Conservation Group representative on the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel.

## **Council Action:**

- 1. Consider changes to COP 7.**
- 2. Direct staff to solicit nominations for vacant or newly established advisory body vacancies as necessary.**
- 3. Appoint new members as necessary.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 1: COP 7 Groundfish Allocation Committee.
2. Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 2: Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative Request.
3. Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 3: Representation on the Groundfish Allocation Committee.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Agency and Tribal Comments
- c. Report and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- d. Public Comment
- e. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to COPs, Appoint New Members, and Solicit Nominations as Necessary

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