

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BODIES, STANDING COMMITTEES,
AND OTHER FORUMS FOR THE 2007-2009 TERM, INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY
CHANGES TO COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES (COP)

2007-2009 Advisory Body Terms - The three-year terms of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, Habitat Committee, and advisory subpanels, expire on December 31, 2006. The Council needs to review the composition of each group, recommend revisions to the COP(s) if appropriate, and solicit nominations for the next term (Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 1). Appointments will be made at the November 2006 meeting. The respective groups may have comments on their composition and, if so, will report these to the Council at the September and/or November meetings.

The current advisory body compositions are provided below:

Habitat Committee - 15 members (COP 6)

- One from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest or Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- One from NMFS Northwest or Southwest Region
- One from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- One from Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)
- One each from the four state fishery agencies (Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California)
- Two tribal representatives (one Klamath, one Northwest or Columbia River)
- Two representing the fishing industry - one commercial and one sport
- One conservation group
- One from National Marine Sanctuaries (NMS)
- One at-large

The HC members representing NMFS, USFWS, PSMFC, NMS, and the state agencies are appointed for indefinite terms. The other HC members (tribal, industry, conservation, and public at-large) serve three-year terms, and these seats need to be advertised.

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel - 10 members (COP 2)

- Three California commercial fishers
- One Oregon commercial fisher
- One Washington commercial fisher
- One California charter/sport fisher
- Three processors (California, Oregon, and Washington)
- One conservation representative

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel - 20 members (COP 2)

- Three Fixed Gear (At-Large)
- One Conservation Representative
- Two Processors
- One At-Sea Processor
- Three Sport Fishers
- Three Trawlers (Washington, Oregon, California)
- Four Charter Boat Operators (Washington, Oregon, California North of Point Conception, California South of Point Conception)
- Two Open Access Fishers (North of Cape Mendocino, South of Cape Mendocino)
- One Tribal Fisher

Salmon Advisory Subpanel - 15 members (COP 2)

- 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

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel - 13 members (COP 2)

- One Commercial Troll Fisheries
- One Commercial Purse Seine Fisheries
- One Commercial Gillnet Fisheries
- Three Commercial At-Large
- One Processor north of Cape Mendocino
- One Processor south of Cape Mendocino
- One Charter Boat Operator
- One Private Sport Fisheries
- One Sport Fisheries At-Large
- One Conservation Group
- One Public At-Large

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

Scientific and Statistical Committee - 16 members (COP 6)

(Including three social scientists of which two should have economic expertise)

- Four state fishery management agencies (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California)
- Five NMFS (one from the Alaska Center, and two each from the Northwest and Southwest Centers)

- 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.

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Oversight Committee (OC)—to be formed

Section 6.2.4 of Groundfish Amendment 19 (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1) requires the Council to establish an EFH OC to review proposed changes to bottom-trawl area closures, and any associated changes to Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC). The Council should consider the type of committee (ad hoc, advisory body, technical, or management team, etc.), composition, length of appointments, initiation date, and other appropriate terms for the COP governing the EFHOC, if the decision is to move forward at this time.

Other Appointments or Advisory Body Issues or Information - At the time of Briefing Book preparation, the following issues were identified to be addressed by the Council:

The State of Oregon has requested Mr. Brett Wiedoff replace Ms. Jean McCrae on the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).

The State of Oregon has requested Ms. Cyreis Schmitt replace Ms. Jean McCrae on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

The State of Oregon has requested Ms. Kelly Ames replace Ms. Gway Kirschner on the Groundfish Management Team (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6).

Replacements should be solicited for non-voting advisory members on the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) representing the open access and whiting fishery sectors. The standard recruitment and appointment schedule would result in not filling the seats before the GAC is scheduled to meet in October, so the Council may consider appointing alternates in the interim.

Replacements for Mr. Jim Harp on the Budget Committee and Mr. Bob Alverson on the Legislative Committee should be appointed.

Ad hoc committee members that have had a change in status include:

Mr. Bob Alverson on the Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee;
Mr. Jim Harp on the Coastal Pelagic Species Tribal Allocation Committee; and
Ms. Kathy Fosmark on the Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee Open Access Conversion Subcommittee.

The NMFS SWFSC has notified us of Dr. Dale Squire's resignation from the HMSMT, and has not proposed filling the seat at this time (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4). The Council has previously considered providing a seat for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, but postponed that action as the preferred candidate was on sabbatical. The Council may want to

reconsider this option, which would require a change in the COP 2 governing composition of the HMSMT.

The composition of the CPSMT as listed in COP 3 does not reflect the current membership, which includes three NMFS members (Dr.'s. Chrone, Herrick, and Hill), while COP 3 only identifies two NMFS seats. The Council should consider updating COP 3 to reflect the active participation.

The U.S. Coast Guard has appointed CDR Pete Martin as a Council designee for RADM Houck, replacing CDR Fred Meyer (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5).

Chairman Hansen appointed Ms. Donna Parker to replace Mr. Dale Myer on the Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee.

Council Action:

- 1. Review composition of advisory entities and propose revisions to COP, if appropriate.**
- 2. Direct staff to solicit nominations for members to the HC, SSC, CPSAS, GAP, SAS, and HMSAS for the new three-year term beginning in 2007.**
- 3. Consider formation of an EFH OC.**
- 4. Consider appointments for ODFW seats on the CPSMT, GMT, and HMSMT.**
- 5. Solicit Nominations for non-voting advisors on the GAC representing the Open Access and Whiting Fishery sectors, and consider alternates in the interim.**
- 6. Announce appointments to the Legislative, Budget, and various ad hoc committees.**
- 7. Consider a correction for the HMSMT composition (COP 3).**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 1: Council Operation Procedures 2-Advisory Subpanels; 3-Plan, Technical, and Management Teams; 4-Scientific and Statistical Committee; and 6-Habitat Committee.
2. Agenda Item B.5.a, Attachment 2: Excerpt from Groundfish Amendment 19 Section 6.2.4.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: CPSMT Nomination.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: HMSMT Nomination.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6: GMT Nomination.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
 - b. Report of Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Council Action: Consider Changes to COP, Appoint New Members as Necessary, and Solicit Nominations for the 2007-2009 Advisory Body Term
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