

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Council will consider changes in advisory body membership, appointments to other forums, and relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP).

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT)

The Council has been notified of a vacancy for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) CPSMT position due to the resignation of Mr. Brett Wiedoff (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1). The ODFW is expected to name a replacement in the near future.

Habitat Committee (HC)

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has notified the Council of the resignation of Mr. Huff McGonigal from the National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) position on the HC and nominates Dr. Lisa Wooninck as his replacement (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).

Ad Hoc Pacific Halibut Workgroup (PHW)

In March, the Council approved the formation of the PHW as an ad hoc committee to review and develop recommendations with regard to potential changes in the management methodologies of the International Pacific Halibut Commission. Members of the PHW were to be appropriate representatives of the federal, state, and tribal fishery management agencies, and stakeholder advisors, based on Council member recommendations to the Council Chairman. Membership of the PHW should be confirmed in time for members to participate in the first meeting which is expected to occur in late June.

Ad Hoc Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Oversight Committee (EFHOC)

At its June Meeting, the Council is scheduled to appoint members to the EFHOC in preparation for completing the five-year review of groundfish essential fish habitat (EFH) as outlined in Amendment 19 of the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and in Council Operating Procedure (COP) 22 (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3). At the April meeting, the Council should formally approve formation of the EFHOC and identify desired member positions.

Council staff proposes to solicit nominations to the committee following the April Council meeting. Based on guidance in COP 22 and pending further Council guidance, staff intends to solicit for the following positions for the initial EFHOC (original Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee members are listed in parentheses):

- Two NMFS scientists—one each from the NW and SW Science Centers (Dr. Waldo Wakefield and Ms. Mary Yoklavich);
- Two bottom trawl representatives (Mr. Marion Larkin and Mr. Scott McMullen);

- Two scientists representing conservation entities (Dr. Rod Fujita and Dr. Mark Powell);
- Two scientists at-large intimately involved and expert in marine habitats and mapping of those habitats off the Pacific Coast (Dr. Chris Goldfinger and Dr. Gary Greene); and
- One representative from the Enforcement Consultants.

When proposals for changes in EFH or habitat areas of particular concern are received by the Council in September, it may be necessary to add other members to the EFHOC with particular expertise in the identified areas. To facilitate planning, staff proposes to request a notice of intent from any entities intending to submit proposals for changes to EFH that must be submitted to the Council prior to the June meeting. Detailed proposals are due for review at the September Council meeting.

Proposed Termination of Ad Hoc Committees

Many ad hoc committees created by the Council have completed the work for which they were created and/or membership is seriously outdated due to changes in Council family personnel. In view of this, Council staff proposes termination of the following Ad Hoc Committees:

- Full Retention Committee (Ms. Eileen Cooney, Dr. James Hastie, Mr. Rod Moore)
- Groundfish EFH EIS Oversight Committee (Mr. Phil Anderson, Ms. Patricia Burke, Mr. Tom Ghio, Mr. Peter Huhtala, Mr. Curt Melcher, Ms. Marija Vojkovich)
- Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee (Dr. Rod Fujita, Dr. Chris Goldfinger, Dr. Gary Greene, Mr. Marion Larkin, Mr. Scott McMullen, Dr. Mark Powell, Dr. Waldo Wakefield, Ms. Mary Yoklavich)
- Groundfish Multi-year Management Committee (Mr. Phil Anderson, Ms. Eileen Cooney, Dr. James Hastie, Mr. Frank Lockhart, Mr. Curt Melcher)
- Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee (Mr. Phil Anderson, Mr. Donald K. Hansen, Dr. David Hanson, Mr. Curt Melcher, Ms. Marija Vojkovich)
- Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Open Access Conversion Subcommittee (Mr. Phil Anderson, Ms. Eileen Cooney, Ms. Kathy Fosmark, Dr. Steve Freese, Mr. Douglas Fricke, Dr. James Hastie, Mr. Kenyon Hensel, Mr. Steve Joner, Mr. Frank Lockhart, Mr. Mike McCorkle, Mr. Rod Moore, Mr. Brian Petersen, Ms. Marija Vojkovich)
- Observer Implementation Committee (Mr. J. Thomas Barnes, Mr. William Barss, Dr. David Hanson, Ms. Becky Renko, Ms. Teresa Turk)
- Salmon Amendment Committee (consisting of approximately 26 individuals formed for Salmon Amendment 15)

Remaining Vacancies on Permanent Council Advisory Bodies

The following advisory body positions are vacant with no nominations:

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| • GMT | NMFS NW Region, 2 nd Position |
| • Habitat Committee | IDFG Position |
| • Highly Migratory Management Team (HMSMT) | IATTC Position |

Update on Appointments to Other Forums

None.

Changes to COP

None.

Council Action:

1. **Confirm or provide guidance for appointments to Council advisory bodies and potential COP changes.**
2. **At the time of briefing book preparation, the following specific items needed attention: the ODFW CPSMT position, NMS HC position, membership of the PHW and EFHOC, and termination of ad hoc committees.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: ODFW Resignation from CPSMT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Resignation and Nomination for NMS seat on the HC.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: COP 22, Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review and Modification.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview John Coon
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Appoint New Advisory Body Members and Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures as Needed

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