

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURE 2
CLARIYING INTERIM APPOINTMENTS

The purpose of this proposed amendment to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 2, Advisory Subpanels, is to clearly identify an interim appointment procedure to avoid a lack of representation in any position while the formal replacement process is proceeding. While it seems reasonable within the purview of the Council Chair to make an interim appointment (similar to the procedure for ad hoc committee appointments), COP 2 is silent in regard to utilizing an interim appointment procedure.

To avoid any ambiguity with regard to interim replacements, Council staff recommends the following amendment to COP 2 which utilizes the basic language found in COP 7 for replacement of nonvoting advisory members on the Groundfish Allocation Committee. The additional language would be placed in a final third paragraph under "Replacement of Members" as follows below.

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Replacement of Members

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The Council Chair is authorized to appoint replacement members on an interim basis to avoid a lack of representation for any of the advisory sectors at an advisory body meeting. In so far as possible, the Council Chair will consult with the Council prior to such interim appointments.

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