

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Council has the opportunity to consider changes in the Council Membership Roster, including Council Members, advisory body membership, and appointments to other forums, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP).

Changes in Council Member Designees

None proposed at the time of advance Briefing Book release.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Management and Technical Teams

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT)

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) has nominated Dr. Robert Emmett to fill a position on the CPSMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1). Council consideration of this nomination is contingent on a review and possible modification of COP 3, Plan, Management, and Technical Teams, which is covered below under “Changes to Council Operating Procedures.”

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) NWFSC has nominated Dr. Jason Cope to fill the NWFSC position on the GMT currently held by Mr. John Wallace (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).

The Oregon Department of Fish Wildlife (ODFW) has nominated Mr. Daniel Erickson to fill the ODFW position on the GMT currently held by Ms. Kelly Ames (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

Advisory Subpanels

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP)

Mr. Gordon Smith has submitted his resignation from the Tribal Fisher position on the GAP, effective April 30, 2009. The Council staff will seek a replacement for the vacancy for the Council to consider at the June meeting. In the interim, the Council Chair, in consultation with Council members, may appoint a person to temporarily fill the position until the permanent member is chosen.

Other Council Committees

None proposed at the time of advance Briefing Book release.

Unfilled Vacancies on Permanent Council Advisory Bodies

The Council has been advised that Dr. David Sampson, ODFW representative on the SSC, will be taking a leave of absence from his duties over the next several months and will be unable to participate on the SSC during that time. We expect ODFW will advise the Council in the near future concerning any replacement for their position.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game position on the Habitat Committee is vacant with no nominations.

Appointments to Other Forums

None proposed at the time of advance Briefing Book release.

Changes to Council Operating Procedures (COP)

At its March meeting, the Council proposed adding a new NWFSC position to the CPSMT. Given the growth and importance of the northwest sardine fishery over the past several years, Council members believe this could be a beneficial addition to the team.

COP 3, Plan, Management, and Technical Teams, specifies a seven-member CPSMT consisting of the following representatives (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4):

- Two for California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG);
- One each for ODFW and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Three for NMFS

The three current NMFS members are all from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center; however, the positions designated in COP 3 are not specific to any particular NMFS subdivision. This lack of specification was intentional to allow flexibility in membership without requiring constant changes to the COP. In addition, having three NMFS positions is partly in response to a transfer of a key team member from CDFG to NMFS in past years. While the proposal in March was to add a position for the NWFSC, staff recommends the Council consider not being more specific than “up to four NMFS positions,” or stating “up to four NMFS positions, one of which shall be from the NWFSC.”

Given notice of this proposal at the March meeting and in the April briefing book, the Council will consider taking final action on this proposal at this meeting and modify COP 3 appropriately.

Council Action:

- 1. Confirm or provide guidance on appointments to Council advisory bodies and potential COP changes.**

2. **Specific considerations are required for the:
NWFSC & ODFW nominations to the GMT;
ODFW SSC vacancy;
Replacement for the Tribal Fisher position on the GAP, including an interim appointment for June; and
Modification of COP 3 to provide for a new NWFSC Position on the CPSMT.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination of Dr. Robert Emmett to the CPSMT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Nomination of Dr. Jason Cope to the GMT.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Nomination of Mr. Daniel Erickson to the GMT.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: COP 3.

Agenda Order:

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

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