

REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULE ON COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION,
PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Headquarters Office (HQ) and Office of General Council for Fisheries have completed a review of each Regional Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP). The purpose of the review was to ensure the SOPPs are up to date with the latest revisions to the Magnuson Stevens Act (MSA) and that there is consistency among the Regional Council's documents. The SOPP documents are required under section 302(f)(6) of the MSA and are intended to inform the public on how the Council operates within the framework of the Secretary's uniform standards. Our Council's current SOPP was adopted in September 2004 and is available on the Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org/operations/sopp.html>.

The Council has been advised that a proposed rule resulting from the HQ review of the SOPP's is expected to be published in the Federal Register prior to our April Council meeting. This would afford the Council an opportunity to review and provide any appropriate comments for inclusion in the final rule. Council staff will include supplemental attachments of our Council's SOPP and the proposed rule, when (if) it is issued.

Council Action:

When issued, review the proposed rule on SOPPs and provide any appropriate comments for inclusion in the final rule.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Provide Comments on the Proposed Rule

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