

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Council has the opportunity to consider Administrative appointment issues with regard to the Council Membership Roster, including Council Members, advisory body membership, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP) or the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP).

Council Members and Designees

Dr. Jim Unsworth has been appointed Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, replacing Mr. Phil Anderson, and has included Mr. Anderson as one of his designees, along with Mr. Corey Niles, Mr. Kyle Adicks, and his primary designee Ms. Michele Culver (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1).

Mr. Sam Cotten has been appointed acting Alaska Fishing & Game Commissioner, replacing Ms. Cora Campbell, and has included Mr. Charles Swanton as his primary designee. Ms. Karla Bush, Ms. Nicole Kimball, and Ms. Dani Evenson retain their designee status, and Mr. Bob Clark has been added to the designee list (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).

Mr. Curt Melcher has been appointed Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, replacing Mr. Roy Elicker, and has updated the list of designees as the result of Ms Gway Kirchner's resignation from ODFW. The list of ODFW designees are Mr. Chris Kern as the primary designee, Dr. Caren Braby as second designee and Mr. Troy Buell as third designee (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

Mr. Will Stelle, NMFS West Coast Regional Administrator, has appointed Ms. Heidi Taylor to replace Mr. Mark Helvey as one of his designees (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Standing Council Member Committee and Representative Appointments

Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC)

The CDFW and ODFW seats remain vacant.

Legislative Committee

The seat formerly occupied by Gordy Williams of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game remains vacant.

International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)

The seat occupied by Ms. Gway Kirchner is now vacant.

Regional Planning Body for West Coast Region

Ms. Kirchner was the alternate to Ms. Michele Culver in this forum and a new alternate could be considered.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Enforcement Consultants (EC)

Captain Jeff Samuels has appointed Sergeant Todd Thompson to replace Lieutenant Tim Schwartz as the Oregon State Police representative on the EC (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5).

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

Dr. Cisco Werner has nominated Dr. Cameron Speir to replace Dr. Cindy Thompson as the NMFS SWFSC representative on the SSC (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT)

Mr. Will Stelle has nominated Ms. Celia Barrosa to replace Ms. Heidi Taylor as one of the NMFS West Coast Region representatives on the HMSMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT)

Dr. Cisco Werner has nominated Mr. Josh Lindsey to fill the vacant NMFS seat on the CPSMT resulting from the retirement of Dr. Sam Herrick (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)

Mr. Will Stelle has nominated Ms. Gretchen Hanshew to replace Dr. Sean Matson as one of the NMFS West Coast Region representatives on the GMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Dr. Cisco Werner has nominated Dr. Melissa Monk to replace Ms. Rosemary Kosaka as the NMFS SWFSC representatives on the GMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Dr. John Stein has nominated Dr. Andi Stephens to replace Dr. Ian Taylor as the NMFS NWFSC representative on the GMT (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Dr. John Stein requested the vacant Groundfish Observer seat on the GMT be reclassified as a second NWFSC seat, and has nominated Mr. Jerry Leonard to fill that vacancy (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4). This would fill the requirement that one of the GMT members be an economist, as the only current economist, Ms. Kosaka, is being replaced. This change also acknowledges that an appropriate Observer Program representative is not currently available due to the departure of Ms. Marlene Bellman. This change in GMT seats will require an update of Council Operating Procedure 3 (Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 1).

Groundfish Endangered Species Work Group (ESWG)

Dr. John Stein has nominated Dr. Tomo Eguchi to replace Dr. Rhema Bjorkland as the Turtle Taxon Expert on the ESWG (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Mr. Will Stelle requested the Protected Resource seat on the ESWG be reclassified as an additional West Coast Region seat and has nominated Ms. Sarah Williams to replace Ms. Alison Agness in that capacity (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4). This change in seats reflects a policy change, which now places responsibility for ESA consultation in the groundfish fishery with the Sustainable Fishery Division. This change will require an update of Council Operating Procedure 3 (Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 1), and an update of the ESWG terms of reference.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP)

The Council was notified that Mr. Wayne Butler and Mr. Mark Cedergreen were resigning from the GAP in January (Agenda Items Closed Session A.1.a, Attachments 6 and 7). Council staff advertised for the vacancies so they could be filled at the March 2015 meeting and the new members could be in place before the GAP meets at the April 2015 Council Meeting. As of the briefing book deadline, there was one nomination for each of the vacancies.

Mr. Wayne Butler has nominated Mr. Tyler Turner to replace Mr. Butler as the Oregon Charter representative on the GAP (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 8).

The Westport Charter Association has nominated Mr. Robert Mirante to replace Mr. Cedergreen as the Washington Charter representative on the GAP (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 9), and his nomination was supported by Mr. Cedergreen (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7).

Changes to Council Operating Procedures

Two proposed changes to COP 3 were identified by the Briefing Book deadline (Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 1). Dr. John Stein requested the vacant Groundfish Observer seat on the GMT be reclassified as a second NWFSC seat, which would fill the requirement that one of the GMT members be an economist, as the only current economist is being replaced (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4). This change also acknowledges that an appropriate Observer Program representative is not currently available due to staff turnover.

Mr. Will Stelle requested the Protected Resource seat on the ESWG be reclassified as an additional West Coast Region seat. This change in seats reflects a policy change, which now places responsibility for ESA consultation in the groundfish fishery with the Sustainable Fishery Division (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

The Council will consider a new COP 24 - Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Shared Ecosystem Component Species under Agenda Item E.4 (Agenda Item I.4, Attachment 2). The Council should confirm approval under this agenda item.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider any changes or additions to Council Operating Procedures**
- 2. Consider any appointment and membership issues.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: WDFW Designees.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: ADFG Designees.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: ODFW Designees.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: NMFS Designees and Advisory Body Nominations for the SSC, HMSMT, CPSMT, GMT, and ESWG.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: OSP Appointment of Sergeant Todd Thompson to the EC.
6. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6: Resignation of Mr. Wayne Butler from the GAP.
7. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7: Resignation of Mr. Mark Cedergreen from the GAP.
8. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 8: Nomination of Mr. Tyler Turner to the Oregon Charter Seat on the GAP.
9. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 9: Nomination of Mr. Robert Mirante to the Washington Charter Seat on the GAP.
10. Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 1: Draft COP 3.
11. Agenda Item I.4.a, Attachment 2: Draft COP 24, excerpt from Agenda Item E.4.a, Attachment 1; Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Chuck Tracy
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Committees and Other Forums

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