

DRAFT PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
THE PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES (SOPP)

The following is an excerpt of pages 3 and 5 of the SOPP intended to address establishment and conduct of Council sponsored workshops

**ADVISORY BODIES**

The Council organization includes advisory bodies appointed for the purpose of providing expert advice on matters related to the purpose of the Council or otherwise conducting activities authorized by the Council in accordance with MSA Section 302(g). The advisory bodies include a Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC); various plan development, technical, and management teams; various fishery advisory subpanels; an Enforcement Consultants group; a Habitat Committee, various standing committees and ad hoc committees, specialized workshops, and an aggregate MSA Section 302(g)(2) Advisory Panel. The Council may establish new advisory bodies by Council vote. The names, functions, designated membership, and terms of office of advisory bodies are described in *Council Operating Procedures*, except specialized workshops, which are established on an ad hoc and ephemeral basis. The advisory bodies are assigned responsibilities and tasks by the Council or by the Executive Director and will provide reports to the Council as appropriate.

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**MSA Section 302(g)(2) Advisory Panel and 302(g)(3)(A) Fishing Industry Advisory Committees**

Several advisory bodies are collectively formed and designated as an MSA Section 302(g)(2) Advisory Panel. These advisory bodies are the Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel, Highly Migratory Species Subpanel, Habitat Committee, Groundfish Allocation Committee, Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Panel, Coastal Pelagic Species Review Panel, and Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Committee. The Council may add additional new advisory bodies, and may remove existing advisory bodies, to the Section 302(g)(2) Advisory Panel, with any updates to be described in the *Council Operating Procedures* document. Members of this Section 302(g)(2) Advisory Panel are eligible to receive stipends for their participation at meetings noticed by the Council, subject to the availability of appropriations. Participants at specialized workshops established to provide expert advice are designated as a separate Section 302(g)(2) Advisory Panel and are not eligible to be paid stipends unless attending in a role as an appointed advisory body member.

Members of each of the fishery management plan subpanels also function as the Council's MSA Section 302(g)(3)(A) Fishing Industry Advisory Committee.