

PERTINENT HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC COUNCIL'S BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee (BC) is a standing committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council). According to the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP), standing committee members are appointed by the Council Chair and can consist of Council members or a combination of Council and non-Council members.

There are no Council Operating Procedures (COPs) guiding membership for the BC or other standing committees. Since at least 2000, the BC has always included the Council Chair, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) designee, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Regional designee(s), and has variably included between one and four other Council members. Prior to September 2006, the tribal representative was on the BC, with Jim Harp serving as Chair. Over time, there has been a general intent to have BC membership include appointed Council members from Washington, Oregon, and California, and either an appointed or state designee from Idaho, in addition to the NMFS regional and PSMFC designees. Starting in November 2006, one seat has been designated for collective representation of the three coastal state agencies. The BC chair has been from the State of Idaho since 2006, as either an appointed member or a state designee.

The Council's Financial Management Procedures state "Budgets will be distributed to the Budget Committee and approved by the Council Members generally during the meetings held in June, September and November of each year. Special Budget Committee meetings will be held on an as needed basis as determined by the Budget Committee Chair." The only mention of fiscal matters in the COPs is in COP 9, Management and Activity Cycles, which states: "November...Annually provide guidance on administrative and programmatic budget issues."

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