

DRAFT AD HOC COMMITTEE CHARGE AND SEATS

During the September 2014 omnibus discussions, the Council recommended establishing ad hoc committees to develop alternatives for issues identified for Phase 2 of the limited entry (LE) fixed gear sablefish catch share program review (see Attachment 2, item 38) and for the nearshore management approaches topic (see Attachment 2, item 37). Council Operating Procedure 8 states that the objectives, duties, and expected duration for the committee should be specified at the time the committee is created. If the Council maintains these items as near term omnibus priorities, then the Council may wish to outline the tasks and identify seats for the two ad hoc committees under Agenda Item G.6. Appointments to the ad hoc committees could be done under Agenda Item F.5 or at a future date. Draft proposals are provided below.

LE Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish - Phase 2 Catch Share Program Review (Item 38, Agenda Item G6 Attachment 2, June 2016)

Potential charge for committee:

The LE fixed gear ad hoc committee shall develop a purpose and need statement, and provide the Council with policy recommendations to address the following topics:

- 1) Combine the fixed gear LE daily trip limit fishery and tier fishery;
- 2) Require permit price reporting for LE fixed gear permit transfers; and
- 3) Combine longline and fishpot into a single fixed gear LE endorsement.

The Council's motion from September 2014 indicated that participants on this committee should be "LE fixed gear sablefish permit holders" (see page 9, [September 2014 Voting Log](#)). Council staff interpret the list of participants in the motion to be LE fixed gear *permit owners* with sablefish tier endorsements. In order to address item one above, the Council would likely need participation and input from LE fixed gear "zero tier" permit holders (LE fixed gear permit holders *without* sablefish endorsements). Based on this, Council staff identified potential seats should the Council choose to move forward with development of a committee.

Potential seats for an ad hoc committee could include:

- 1) Geographic representation with representatives for LE longline gear and for LE pot gear permit owners with sablefish tier endorsements;
- 2) Two representatives of "zero tier" permit owners and two representatives that are vessel owners. Permit owners will often lease a permit to a vessel owner, therefore both parties could be affected by the action and are suggested for representation on the committee. The public database shows that of the sixty zero tier permit owners, one is from Washington and four from Oregon, with the remainder in California.

The Committee would stand until the Council takes final action regarding these topics. Identification of the range of alternatives for this item is tentatively scheduled for September 2016 with selection of a preliminary preferred alternative scheduled for April 2017.

Nearshore Management (Item 27, Agenda Item G6 Attachment 2, June 2016)

Potential charge for committee:

The Nearshore Management ad hoc committee shall develop a purpose and need statement, and provide the Council with policy recommendations to address the delegation or deferral of nearshore species management to the west coast states.

The Council's motion from September 2014 indicated that participants on this committee should include representatives from the three states and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (see page 9, [September 2014 Voting Log](#)). The Council could also consider appointing representatives from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of General Counsel, given the legal complexities regarding deferral and delegation matters.

Potential seats for an ad hoc committee could include:

1. Policy Analyst from the state of Washington
2. Policy Analyst from the state of Oregon
3. Policy Analyst from the state of California
4. Policy Analyst from NMFS
5. NOAA General Counsel

The Nearshore Management ad hoc committee would stand until the Council takes final action regarding these topics, which has yet to be scheduled.