

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS
AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the documents under this agenda item and offers the following comments regarding proposed changes to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 3 on Plan, Technical, and Management Teams.

The GMT questions whether the 30-day notification standard for requesting alternates will provide sufficient flexibility to accommodate personnel or staffing issues in situations that may require an alternate.

The GMT further notes that this 30-day requirement may be difficult to implement as a result of the decision by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) regarding participation of a stock assessor on the GMT. However, we are unclear whether or not the NWFSC intends to appoint a stock assessor to the team or if participation will be on an as-available basis. Depending on the emerging issue that requires the need for an alternate, 30 days may not be suitable for this situation.

Given all of these concerns, the GMT recommends leaving the Management Team COP (COP-3) as two weeks' notice rather than updating the language to the suggested 30 days.

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