

## MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (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 Officers, Members, and Designees

There were no changes to Council membership at the time of the advance Briefing Book.

### Standing Council Member Committees and Representatives to Other Forums

Ms. Dorothy Lowman is currently the Council's Appointed Commissioner to the Western and Central Pacific Commission (WCPFC) and Ms. Christa Svenson is a Designated Alternate. Ms. Lowman plans to resign her appointment to the WCPFC following the WCPFC annual meeting, but would continue to represent the United States as the Inter-American Tropical Tuna (IATTC) co-chair of the IATTC-WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group on bluefin tuna, with Council support as necessary. The Council should discuss starting the process of a Presidential appointment for Ms. Svenson as the Council's WCPFC Commissioner.

### Council Advisory Body Appointments

#### *Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS)*

Ms. Gillian Lyons will resign her conservation position on the CPSAS after the November 2020 Council meeting and the Council has solicited nominations for her replacement. The Council received two nominations. Ms. Stephanie Webb, a Ph.D. candidate in Environmental Studies at University of California, Santa Cruz, nominated herself (Closed Session Agenda Item A.1, Attachment 1) and Ms. Anna Weinstein, the Marine Conservation Director of the National Audubon Society, was nominated by Oceana (Closed Session Agenda Item A.1, Attachment 2).

#### *Groundfish Management Team (GMT)*

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS) has nominated Dr. Chantel Wetzal to fill a vacant NWFS position on the GMT (Closed Session Agenda Item A.1, Attachment 3).

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region has nominated Ms. Gretchen Hanshew and Mr. Daniel Studt to replace Ms. Abigail Harley and Ms. Karen Palmigiano as their two representatives on the GMT (Closed Session Agenda Item A.1, Attachment 4).

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will review these three GMT nominations and report to the Council under Closed Session.

### Council Operating Procedures

There were no proposed changes to COPs or SOPPs at the time of the advance Briefing Book.

**Council Action:**

- 1. Discuss potential changes or additions to the COPs or SOPPs.**
- 2. Consider any appointment and membership issues.**

**Reference Materials:**

1. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: Webb, CPSAS Nomination.
2. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2: Weinstein, CPSAS Nomination.
3. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3: Wetzel, GMT Nomination.
4. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 4: Hanshew and Studt, GMT Nominations.

**Agenda Order:**

- C.7 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Mike Burner
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures

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