

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP  
APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) discussed administrative appointment issues with regard to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Membership Roster, including Council Members, advisory body (AB) membership, and relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COPs) or the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures. With regard to the Council AB membership, the HMSMT would like to restate its interest in having a participating Washington representative on the HMSMT. With the extensive workload, fishery management plan revisions, albacore-related issues, and other recent staffing changes, having a complete roster is important for team effectiveness.

In reports and public comment, there appears to be confusion as to which groups are considered ABs. The HMSMT's understanding is that the various committees described in [COPs 2 through 8](#) are all considered to be [ABs to the Council](#), and uses this definition in this report and the report under Agenda Item C.10.

The HMSMT supports the recommendation made in a written public comment under this agenda item to require training for harassment, bullying, equity, and inclusion for AB chairs, but suggests the requirement extend to all who participate in a professional capacity in the Council process.

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