

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 any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP) or the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP).

Council Staff

Mr. Chuck Tracy, Council Executive Director has announced his planned retirement effective no later than December 31, 2021. The Executive Director Selection Committee may update the Council on progress towards an anticipated Special Closed Session Council meeting on October 12 to interview finalists with a potential selection soon thereafter.

Council Officers, Members, and Designees

The Council received a letter from Lieutenant Commander Scott H. McGrew of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) informing the Council that Rear Admiral Melvin Bouboulis has assumed command of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District and has replaced Rear Admiral Vogt as the Coast Guard's Principal Official (Agenda Item E.6, Attachment 1). Lieutenant Commander Brett Ettinger will serve as RADM Bouboulis' first designee, Lieutenant Lelea Lingo as his second designee, and Mr. Chris German as his third designee. Mr. German and Lieutenant Lingo will also serve as USCG Enforcement Consultants.

Council Representatives to Other Forums

Mr. Louis Zimm served as the Council representative to the Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team. The Council will likely discuss Mr. Zimm's replacement and the process for reappointing the next Council representative.

Mr. Phil Anderson's appointment as the Council's representative to the U.S. Section of the Joint Management Committee of the U.S. – Canada Pacific Hake/Whiting Agreement ends in November. The Council will discuss the matter and likely identify the next representative at this meeting to avoid a lapse in representation.

The Council Coordination Committee's Council Member Ongoing Development (CMOD) program is anticipated to meet November 2-4, 2021 in Denver, Colorado. The focus of the session will be ecosystem-based fishery management. There is interest in including attendees that have expertise in EBFM as well as those new to the topic. The CMOD program puts a high value on meeting in-person and may postpone the session depending on pandemic related restrictions.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) sent a letter to the Council requesting that Ms. Liz Hellmers replace Mr. Travis Buck as their representative on the ad hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (Agenda Item E.6, Attachment 2). Chair Gorelnik is anticipated to consider this appointment after consulting the Council.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has nominated Mr. Phillip Donne to replace Mr. Derek Dapp as the agency's representative on the Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1). The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) is scheduled to review this nomination and report to the Council under Closed Session.

Council Operating Procedures and the 2022-2024 Advisory Body Term

The current three-year Advisory Body term ends December 31, 2021. At its June meeting, the Council reviewed the composition of all term-limited Advisory Body positions and adopted proposed changes to the compositions of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and the Groundfish Endangered Species Workgroup. Additionally, the Council adopted proposed changes to COP 2 to remove language referring to "majority and minority" reports but continue to require Subpanel Chairs to report areas of consensus and differences and proposed changes to COP 4 to allow At-Large members of the SSC to request alternates (Agenda Item E.6, Attachment 3). At this session, the Council is scheduled to adopt final changes to Advisory Body compositions and COPs. It is anticipated that the Council will be soliciting nominations for the 2022-2024 Advisory Body term shortly after the September Council meeting for final consideration and appointments at the November Council meeting.

The [full suite of COPs](#) is posted on the Council webpage.

Ad Hoc Council Committees

Ad hoc committees are created and terminated by a vote of the Council and are intended to be generally short-term and for a specific purpose. Committee members are appointed by the Council Chair based on advice from Council members. A number of ad hoc committees have completed their assigned tasks or have been substantially inactive, and potentially should be considered for decommissioning or reassignment, including the following.

- Climate Scenarios Investigation Workgroup
- Climate and Communities Core Team
- Southern Resident Killer Whale Workgroup

The other extant ad hoc committees are:

- Cost Recovery Committee
- Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee
- Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Technical Advisory Committee
- Ecosystem Workgroup
- Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee
- Southern Oregon/Northern California Coho Workgroup
- Marine Planning Committee

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: WDFW HMSMT Nomination Materials.
2. Agenda Item E.6, Attachment 1: USCG Letter Regarding Council Designees and Enforcement Consultants.
3. Agenda Item E.6, Attachment 2: CDFW Nomination Letter Regarding the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup.
4. Agenda Item E.6, Attachment 3: Public Review Draft Proposed Revisions to Council Operating Procedures 2, 3, and 4.
5. If received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- E.6 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Mike Burner
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Proposed Changes to Advisory Body Compositions for Public Review, Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; and Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures

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