

SALMON TECHNICAL TEAM REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Salmon Technical Team (STT) consists of eight members representing Tribal, state, and Federal agencies. As noted in the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Roster, two positions are currently vacant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); as well as a third vacancy: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), are anticipated as early as the new year.

According to Council Operating Procedure 3 “Members are nominated by their agencies or organizations; qualifications of the members are reviewed by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Council members and are appointed by the Council”. This would require at least one Council meeting to complete the nomination process for STT appointments.

The annual STT workload for the salmon preseason process typically begins in December, with STT meetings in January and February and full STT participation at the March and April Council meetings. The states have provided capable and knowledgeable staff to fill these vacant positions in an unofficial capacity, which the STT greatly appreciates, but getting the STT back up to full permanent membership should be the priority.

The STT understands that identifying and transitioning staff does take time but hopes that the state agencies are able to provide nominees for Council consideration as soon as possible, preferably in time for the November 2021 Council meeting.

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