

## 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 Officers, Members, and Designees

The Council received a letter from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Director, Mr. Curt Melcher informing the Council of revisions to his designee list (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1). Mr. Chris Kern will serve as Mr. Melcher's first designee, Dr. Caren Braby as his second designee, Ms. Jessica Watson as his third designee, and Mr. Troy Buell as his fourth designee.

Additionally, the Council received a letter from Dr. Scott Rumsey notifying the Council of his appointment as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Acting Regional Administrator for the West Coast and the addition of two NMFS Council designees, Ms. Maggie Sommer, and Mr. Josh Lindsay (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2).

Ms. Jessica Watson is currently a member of the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup and the Highly Migratory Species Management Team. Ms. Sommer serves as the Council's representative on the International Pacific Halibut Commission Management Strategy Advisory Board and is a voting member of the Ad Hoc Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee. The Council may discuss these appointments regarding these recent changes to designee lists.

### *Election of Council Chair and Vice Chairs*

The Council is slated to elect officers at this meeting. Council Operating Procedure (COP) 1 provides for election of Council officers as follows:

The Chair and up to two Vice Chairs of the Council shall be elected by majority vote of Council members present and voting. Generally, elections are held during the June Council meeting. Officers shall serve one-year terms, which commence August 11 and end August 10 of the following year. Appointments may be renewed for additional one-year terms by majority Council vote at the next June meeting. The Chair may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms.

Mr. Marc Gorelnik and Mr. Brad Pettinger are in their second term as Council Chair and Vice Chair.

## Council Advisory Body Appointments

### *Habitat Committee (HC)*

The Council recently solicited nominations for the Northwest or Columbia River Tribal Representative position for the remainder of the 2022-2024 term and the Council has received two nominations. Chairman Delano Saluskin of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation has nominated Ms. Shannon Adams (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1) and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation has nominated Mr. Casey Baldwin (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2).

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has nominated Ms. Corianna Flannery to the CDFW position currently held by Mr. Eric Wilkins (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3).

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has nominated Mr. Eric Chavez to their vacant West Coast Region position (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 4).

### *Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP)*

The Council recently solicited nominations for the vacant At-Large Processor position. The Council received one nomination from Mr. Mike Okoniewski (Closed Session, Attachment 5).

### *Groundfish Stock Definitions*

At the March 2022 meeting, the Council initiated an effort to review and potentially revise stock definitions in the Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and discussed the formation of an ad hoc advisory body to assist with the effort. At the April 2022 Council meeting the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) supported the concept ([Agenda Item H.2.a, Supplemental GMT Report 1, April 2022](#)) and proposed the following membership:

- One GMT representative from each state - ensuring at least one commercial and one recreational representative among those three
- One commercial and one recreational GAP member
- Representative(s) of the Scientific and Statistical Committee
- NMFS West Coast Region policy/regulatory staff
- NMFS science center staff, with a variety of expertise
- One Tribal representative
- State agency staff with needed expertise, as needed

The Council is anticipated to revisit the formation of this ad hoc group and the proposed membership at this meeting.

## Council Advisory Body Updates

The Ad Hoc Southern Oregon Northern California Coast (SONCC) Coho Workgroup has completed its business and assigned tasks and Council staff is advising that the Council decommission the Workgroup.

## Remaining 2022-2024 Vacancies

The Council discussed the following vacancies at its April meeting and is tentatively scheduled to solicit nominations after the June meeting for consideration at the September meeting:

- Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel – Washington Commercial Position
- Salmon Advisory Subpanel – Washington Charter Operator
- Habitat Committee – Sport Fishery Representative

## Council Operating Procedures

At the April meeting, the Council tasked Council staff with drafting proposed revisions to COP 23 - *Protocol for consideration of exempted fishing permits for coastal pelagic species fisheries* (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3). The revisions focus on the evaluation of proposals to better align them with current Council scheduling and to only require Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review if the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team recommends additional scientific scrutiny.

### Council Action:

1. Consider any appointment and membership issues.
2. Discuss potential changes or additions to the COPs or SOPPs and consider adoption of proposed changes to COP 23.

### Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1: ODFW Letter Regarding Council Designees.
2. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2: NMFS Letter Regarding Council Designees.
3. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3: Council Operating Procedure 23 Proposal.
4. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation HC Nomination Materials.
5. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation HC Nomination Materials.
6. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3: CDFW HC Nomination Materials.
7. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 4: NMFS HC Nomination Materials.
8. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 5: GAP At-large Processor Nomination Materials.
9. If received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

### 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; Consider Changes to Council Operating Procedures

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