

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON
MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) reviewed Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 5, *Staff Recommended Process for Incorporating the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Harassment Policies and Recommendations for Defining Professional Meeting Decorum*. The EWG concurs with the Council staff's recommended edits to relevant Council Operating Procedures (COPs), and to the Council's Intent to Serve Form. However, the EWG also endorses the recommendations for refinements to policies found in the Agenda Item G.5.a, [Tribal Report 1](#), *Tribal Comments Regarding Model Fishery Management Council Policy on Addressing Allegations of Harassment*.

While the EWG agrees with the ideas expressed in the Attachment 5 Appendix 2 Example Ground Rules, we do not see a need for advisory bodies to develop their own ground rules separate from the Council Operating Procedures around harassment and other inappropriate behavior. Variation in allowable behavior between advisory bodies would add confusion for the public and for Council process participants who are involved with multiple advisory bodies (as has been the case for many EWG members) and could open the door for misconduct if something is permitted by one advisory body but not by another.

The EWG recommends edits to Appendix 2 of Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 5, *Staff Recommended Process for Incorporating the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Harassment Policies and Recommendations for Defining Professional Meeting Decorum*, split bullet *c* into two separate points, modifying the first component to apply only to non-advisory body members:

- Non-advisory body members should follow the guidelines set by the moderator before speaking.
- Do not interrupt or engage in side conversations when others have the floor.

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