

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received an overview and background on this agenda item from Brett Wiedoff, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff officer. GAP members also read through the documents under this agenda item and discussed the proposal included in those materials.

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Workgroup

Regarding an appointment to the ESA Workgroup the GAP recommends a long-term default appointment of the GAP chair or vice chair, as the need arises. However, for some ESA Workgroup meetings during which a specific set of circumstances or fishery gear type may be discussed, the GAP may suggest an alternate. For the upcoming April 2023 Workgroup meeting, it would be helpful and informative to the Workgroup to have a fixed-gear fishery representative attend. The GAP suggested (and the Council approved) Bob Eder for the last Workgroup meeting. Bob was an invaluable participant at that time and also provided informative feedback to the GAP. We propose Harrison Ibach of the GAP to fill the seat for the upcoming ESA workshop.

Policy on Reporting Harassment

Regarding [Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 3](#), Model Fishery Management Council Policy on Addressing Allegations of Harassment or Process Participants Other Than Council Employees, the GAP agrees with the outlined approach to reporting events related to harassment.

Council Policies on Harassment and Meeting Decorum

Referencing [Agenda Item G.5, Attachment 5](#), Staff Recommendations for Incorporating the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Harassment Policies and Recommendations for Defining Professional Meeting Decorum, the GAP appreciates the thoughts and ideas provided in that document.

The GAP recognizes the Council's efforts to update the Council Operating Procedures (COPs) to current standards and appreciates Council leadership taking this on. The GAP supports expansion of the behavior and harassment procedures to all of those included in the Council process. The GAP supports the changes made to the Intent to Serve form as outlined in Appendix 1.

Similar to the statements made in the [Habitat Committee's Supplemental Report 1](#), the GAP supports adopting unique ground rules or Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures for each advisory body.