

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) considers administrative appointment issues regarding the Council Membership Roster, including Council members, Advisory Body members, and any relevant changes in the Council's Council Operating Procedures (COP).

Council Officers, Members, and Designees

The Council received a letter from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Executive Director, Mr. Barry Thom, identifying Mr. Chris Oliver as his primary designee (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1). Chair Gorelnik has also appointed Mr. Oliver to the Legislative and Budget Committees.

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, which includes replacing Dr. Caren Braby with Mr. Mike Harrington (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2). Mr. Melcher's designees are as follows: Mr. John North, Mr. Mike Harrington, Ms. Lynn Mattes, and Mr. Troy Buell.

The Council received a letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region announcing the selection of Ms. Jennifer Quan as the Regional Administrator (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3).

Chair Gorelnik has appointed Ms. Corey Ridings to the Legislative Committee.

Council Advisory Body Appointments for the 2022-2024 Term

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS)

The Council recently solicited nominations for the vacant Commercial Troll position, formerly held by Mr. Wayne Heikkila, on the HMSAS and received the following nominations:

- Mr. Clayton Wraith (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1)
- Mr. Jake McMaster (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2)

Council Advisory Body Agency Appointments

Enforcement Consultants (EC)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Law Enforcement Division, requests that Assistant Chief Eric Kord be replaced by Captain Jason Kraus as CDFW's appointed member to the EC (Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 4). Furthermore, CDFW requests Lieutenant Scott Cohen be specified as CDFW's designee for Captain Kraus.

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has nominated Mr. Christian Heath to the ODFW position on the GMT (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3). The SSC is scheduled to review this nomination and report to the Council under Closed Session.

Remaining Vacancies

The following positions were advertised from February to May 2023 and no applications were received. The Council should provide guidance on next steps.

- Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel – Commercial – 1 Position
- Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel – Washington At-Large – 1 Position

The following resignations were received after the April 2023 Council meeting and solicitations are currently [posted](#) with a deadline of August 7, 2023. The Council is scheduled to consider the applications at their September 2023 meeting.

- Mr. Jeff Wilmarth resigned from the Oregon Charter Boat position on the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP).
- Ms. Ruth Christiansen resigned from the Trawl At-Large position on the GAP.

Ad Hoc Committees

The ad hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) was established in June 2021 to engage in the marine planning processes for offshore wind and aquaculture opportunity areas. The Council anticipated the MPC would be in place for at least two years. Under this agenda item, the Council should consider whether to renew the MPC, and whether any changes to committee structure, function, or membership are warranted.

Membership of the Council's newly formed Ad-Hoc Equity and Environmental Justice Committee has been named and includes Mr. Joseph Oatman (Tribal), Ms. Heather Hall (WDFW), Ms. Christa Svensson (OR Obligatory), Mr. Virgil Moore (IDFG), Ms. Corey Ridings (CA Obligatory) and Ms. Maggie Sommers (NMFS).

Council Operating Procedures and Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures

The Council should consider updates to COP 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 to reflect current hybrid meeting practices for public comment registration, motions, and voting procedures.

The Council should also consider additional steps to promote a respectful and harassment-free work environment. Attachment 6 contains the staff-recommended measures, including COP updates, along with a summary of the Council, Advisory Body, and Tribal comments from [March 2023](#). Under this agenda item, the Council should identify the measures for implementation and next steps.

Council Action:

1. **Appointing a nominee to the Commercial Troll position on the HMSAS.**
2. **Appointing the ODFW nominee to the Groundfish Management Team.**
3. **Directing any necessary action to solicit nominees for the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel Commercial and the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel Washington At-Large positions.**
4. **Renewing the MPC.**
5. **Consider adopting the proposed changes to COP 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 to reflect current practices.**
6. **Consider additional measures to promote a respectful and harassment-free work environment. Provide guidance on next steps.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1: PSMFC Oliver Appointment.
2. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 2: ODFW Harrington Appointment.
3. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 3: WCR Quan Appointment.
4. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 4: CDFW Kraus Appointment.
5. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 5: COP 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 Edits.
6. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 6: Recommendations for a Respectful and Harassment-Free Workplace.
7. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: Clayton Wraith, HMSAS Nomination Materials.
8. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2: Justin McMaster, HMSAS Nomination Materials.
9. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3: Christian Heath, GMT Nomination Materials.
10. If received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.7 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures, As Appropriate

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