

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 Advisory Body Appointments for the 2022-2024 Term

The Council recently solicited nominations for the following vacant positions and received the following nominations.

Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel – Washington At-Large (1 position)

- No nominations were received.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) – Oregon Charter Boat Operator (1 position)

- Mr. Andy Martin (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1)

Recent Vacancies

Mr. Darus Peake resigned his position as the Oregon Troll representative on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS). Mr. Peake was also a representative on the Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC).

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Take Reduction Team (TRT)

At the September 2023 meeting, the Council was informed that a TRT was needed to create a take reduction plan to address the incidental mortality and serious injury of relevant humpback whales ([Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1, September 2023](#)). The TRT would, at minimum, consider the Federal sablefish pot gear fishery, and could also be expanded to consider other fisheries in the Pacific Ocean that interact with the Central America/Southern Mexico-CA/OR/WA and Mainland Mexico-CA/OR/WA stocks of humpback whales. A [Federal Register](#) was issued on September 29, 2023, to notify the public of the scoping process for the TRT and solicit interest from stakeholders who wish to be considered for TRT membership (Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1). A seat on a TRT is provided to ensure the interests of a constituency, organization, or expertise—and not a specific individual—are adequately represented. Criteria for TRT membership are outlined in the Federal Register notice (page 3 of Agenda Item E.1, Attachment 1). The Council will have the opportunity to develop a comment letter on the contents of the Federal Register Notice under Agenda Item E.1 NMFS report. Recommendations for stakeholder membership of the TRT should be discussed under Closed Session and recommendations made, as appropriate, under Agenda Item C.7. Such recommendations would be relayed to NMFS via a Council comment letter under the Federal Register Notice.

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

At the time of the Briefing Book publication, no changes were proposed to the COPs or SOPPs.

Council Action:

1. **Appointing a nominee to the Oregon Charter Boat Operator position on the GAP.**
2. **Directing any necessary action to solicit nominees for the remaining vacancies.**
3. **Directing any necessary action for recommending stakeholders to participate on the NMFS TRT.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: Andy Martin, GAP Oregon Charter Boat Nomination.

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; Consider National Marine Fisheries Service Take Reduction Team Membership, As Appropriate

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