

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 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director, Mr. Curtis Melcher, identifying Mr. Justin Ainsworth as a designee (Agenda Item J.2, Attachment 1).

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 (EAS)– Washington At-Large (1 position)

- Ms. Diane Livia (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1)

Salmon Advisory Subpanel – Oregon Troll (1 position)

- No nominations were received.

Recent Vacancies

Ms. Gway Kirchner resigned her position as the Oregon representative on the EAS. Ms. Theresa Labriola has been approved as an alternate for the March 2024 meeting and she is also willing to serve for remainder of 2024, if the Council concurs.

In June 2024, the Council is scheduled to review the composition of all term-limited Advisory Body positions (Scientific and Statistical Committee at-large positions; Habitat Committee tribal, industry, conservation, and at-large positions; and all Advisory Subpanel positions) and adopt proposed changes for public review (see [Council Operating Procedure 9, Schedule 6](#)). In September 2024, the Council is scheduled to adopt the final compositions of term-limited Advisory Body positions and request nominations to fill the next three-year term (2025-2027). Appointments are scheduled to be made in November 2024.

Considering the upcoming process for the next three-year term, if there are future Advisory Body vacancies in 2024, the Council could direct the Executive Director to appoint alternates rather than soliciting for nominations to fill the rest of the 2022-2024 term. This approach may allow interested individuals to gain experience in the process before applying for the upcoming term.

Council Action:

Discuss any personnel issues regarding appointments and operational changes to be considered for action. Specifically consider:

1. **Appointing a nominee to the EAS – Washington At-Large Position.**
2. **Directing any necessary action to solicit nominees for the remaining vacancies or consider appointing alternates for the remainder of the 2022-2024 term.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: Diane Livia, EAS, Washington At-Large Nomination.
2. Agenda Item J.2, Attachment 1: ODFW Designee – Ainsworth.

Agenda Order:

- J.2 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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