

## MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

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

### Council Officers, Members, and Designees

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), West Coast Region (WCR) notified the Council that Maggie Sommer has left the agency to pursue other opportunities and is no longer a designee for Jennifer Quan (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1).

The Council Roster was also updated to remove Michael Clark as a designee for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) as we understand he has also left the agency.

### *Election of Council Chair and Vice Chairs*

The Council is scheduled to elect officers at this meeting per [Council Operating Procedure \(COP\) 1](#):

The Council Chair and up to two Vice Chairs of the Council shall be elected by majority vote of Council members in attendance and voting. Generally, elections are held during the June Council meeting. Officers shall serve one-year terms, which commence August 11 and end August 10 of the following year. Appointments may be renewed for additional one-year terms by majority Council vote at the next June meeting. The Council Chair normally serves two consecutive one-year terms.

Brad Pettinger and Pete Hassemer are in their second terms as Council Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

### *Standing Committees*

#### *Legislative and Budget Committees*

Standing committees can consist of Council members or a combination of Council and non-Council members ([COP 1](#)). Members are appointed by the Council Chair and serve indefinite terms. Marc Gorelnik, who currently serves on the Budget and Legislative Committees, will conclude his Council appointment on August 10, 2025. The Council may wish to provide input on the Chair's appointments to these committees.

### Council Representatives to Other Forums

#### *Joint Management Committee (JMC) – Pacific Whiting Treaty*

Mr. Phil Anderson is the Council representative to the JMC for the Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty. Mr. Anderson's term expires November 27, 2025 and a new nominee will need to be identified no later than the June Council meeting to ensure the adequate time for the Secretary of Commerce to

make the appointment in time for the 2026 season setting process. The implementing legislation states ([16 USC 7002](#)):

*“The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall appoint 4 individuals to represent the United States as the United States Section on the joint management committee. In making the appointments, the Secretary shall select representatives from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning the offshore whiting resource. Of these—  
... (B) 1 shall be a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, appointed with consideration given to any recommendation provided by that Council...”*

### Council Advisory Body Appointments

#### *Enforcement Consultants (EC)*

Assistant Director Greg Busch requests that Deputy Assistant Special Agent in Charge Eric Morgan be assigned as the primary NMFS, Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) representative on the Council’s EC (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2). Mr. Brian Corrigan would be the designee.

#### *Groundfish Management Team (GMT)*

NMFS WCR has elected to fill one of the WCR seats on the GMT in a rotation of Groundfish Branch staff members. The second WCR position on the GMT will remain unfilled due to staffing resource limitations. The proposed rotation roster for the WCR seat on the GMT includes Lynn Massey, Abbie Moyer, Gretchen Hanshaw, and Megan Mackey.

Qualifications for all the proposed individuals, except for Megan Mackey, have been reviewed by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and approved by the Council. The WCR submitted materials for Megan Mackey for the Council’s consideration (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1). The SSC is scheduled to review the nomination and report to the Council under Closed Session.

#### *Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) – 3 At-Large positions*

The following individuals applied for the 3 At-Large positions on the SSC

- Dr. Selina Heppell (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2)
- Dr. Geoffrey Shester (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3)
- Dr. Alberto Rovellini (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 4)
- Dr. Francisco Werner (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 5)

The SSC is scheduled to review the qualifications of the nominees and report to the Council under Closed Session.

#### *Ad Hoc Committees*

Per [COP 8](#), based on the advice of Council members and advisory committees, the Council Chair appoints Ad Hoc Committee members. The Council may wish to provide input on the Chair’s appointments to these committees. Advisory Bodies have forwarded recommendations to fill the vacant positions on the Marine Planning Committee as follows:

- Arlene Merems to fill the Habitat Committee position

- Kevin Godes to fill the Salmon Advisory Subpanel position

### *Vacancies*

The following individuals have departed government service and are no longer serving on Council Advisory Bodies or Ad Hoc Committees. Council staff will coordinate with the relevant agencies to determine appropriate next steps, considering Council priorities and agency capacity limitations.

<b>Advisory Body</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Salmon Technical Team	Steve Haeseker	USFWS
Salmon Technical Team, Klamath River Workgroup	Rich Zabel	Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC)
Sacramento River Workgroup	Craig Fleming	USFWS
Habitat Committee, Sacramento River Workgroup	Correigh Greene	NWFSC
Marine Planning Committee	Lilah Ise	WCR

### **Council Tasks:**

- 1. Elect a Council Chair and Vice Chair to serve from August 11, 2025 to August 10, 2026.**
- 2. Provide feedback regarding Chair's appointments to the upcoming vacant positions on the Budget and Legislative Committees.**
- 3. Recommend a Council representative to the JMC for the Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty.**
- 4. Appoint an EC representative and designee.**
- 5. Appoint a NMFS WCR GMT representative.**
- 6. Appoint 3 At-Large SSC members.**
- 7. Provide feedback regarding Chair's appointments to the MPC.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: GMT NMFS Nomination, Mackey.
2. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 2: SSC At-Large Nomination, Dr. Selina Heppell.
3. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 3: SSC At-Large Nomination, Dr. Geoffrey Shester.
4. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 4: SSC At-Large Nomination, Dr. Alberto Rovellini.
5. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 5: SSC At-Large Nomination, Dr. Francisco Werner.
6. Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1: Council Designee NMFS Update, Sommer.
7. Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2: EC OLE Nomination, Morgan.
8. If received, Public Comments are Electronic Only (see [e-portal](#)).

### **Agenda Order:**

#### **C.5 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures**

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- 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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