

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will announce appointments to its membership roster that were made in Closed Session and provide guidance for soliciting any unfilled positions. The Council will also consider and adopt revised Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup (SRWG) Terms of Reference (TOR) to include participation in the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Revised S_{MSY} Peer Review Meeting. The Council is also scheduled to adopt revisions to Council Operating Procedure (COP) 20 Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries, consistent with Council action from March 2026.

Council Officers, Members, and Designees

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.”

Pete Hassemer and Butch Smith are in their first terms as Council Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Budget Committee

Mr. Brad Pettinger, Chair of the Budget Committee, will conclude his term as a Council member on August 10, 2026. COP 1 states that the Budget Committee shall elect its chair and vice-chair from among its members. Appointments and election of officers shall generally occur at the June or September Council meetings.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Under Closed Session, the Council is expected to consider nomination materials and provide any additional guidance on soliciting nominations for the following positions. Any appointments made and guidance provided during Closed Session will be announced under this agenda item. The following positions are under consideration:

- Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) – 1 Processor representative
- Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) – 1 Washington At-Large representative
- Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) – 1 Trawl At-Large position and 1 Open Access South of Mendocino position, following the resignation of Mr. Dan Platt.
- Habitat Committee (HC) – 1 At-Large position and 1 Northwest or Columbia River tribal position
- Scientific and Statistical Committee – 2 At-Large positions

Vacancies

The following table summarizes the vacancies on Council Advisory Bodies and active Ad hoc groups. SRWG Report 1 highlights staffing challenges within the Workgroup, noting that the Northwest Fisheries Science Center representative position recently became vacant, leaving only four members to complete the Workgroup's responsibilities.

Advisory Body	Agency
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	Processor
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	Washington At-Large
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	Trawl At-Large Open Access S. of Cape Mendocino
Habitat Committee	Northwest Fisheries Science Center At-Large
Salmon Technical Team	Northwest Fisheries Science Center US Fish and Wildlife Service Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Scientific and Statistical Committee	At-Large (2)
Ad Hoc Group	Agency
Ecosystem Workgroup	Tribal
Marine Planning Committee	West Coast Region
Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup	Northwest Fisheries Science Center US Fish and Wildlife Service California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Revised Terms of Reference for the Sacramento Fall Chinook Workgroup

At the April 2026 Council meeting, the Council directed staff to revise the SRWG TOR to include participation in the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Revised SMSY Peer Review Meeting, scheduled for summer 2026, as part of the SRWG's responsibilities ([see April 2026 Decision Summary Document](#)). Attachment 2 includes an explanation of the changes, a version of the revised TOR showing the proposed changes in strikethrough, and a clean version for Council consideration and adoption.

Council Operating Procedures

In March 2026, the Council adopted edits to COP 20 Protocol for Consideration of EFPs for HMS Fisheries (see [Decision Summary Document, March 2026](#)). The revised COP reflects the recommendations from the Fisheries Innovation Work Group (FIW), incorporates the recommendation to provide reports after each EFP fishing season concludes, and includes clarifications from the Enforcement Consultants (EC) ([Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental FIW Report 2, March 2026](#), [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental HMSMT Report 1, March 2026](#), [Agenda Item G.4.a, Supplemental EC Report 1, March 2026](#)).

Attachment 2 is a clean version of the COP for Council consideration and adoption. Attachment 3 shows the proposed COP changes by group: FIW recommendations are shown in underline and strikethrough, Section D includes the EC edits, and Section E includes the HMSMT edits.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Announce appointments to Council Advisory Bodies made under Closed Session.**
- 2. Provide any necessary guidance regarding solicitations and future appointments to Council Advisory Bodies.**
- 3. Adopt a revised TOR for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup to include participation in the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Revised SMSY Peer Review Meeting.**
- 4. Adopt revisions to COP 20 Protocol for Consideration of EFPs for HMS Fisheries consistent with Council action from March 2026.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1: Revised Sacramento Fall Chinook Workgroup Terms of Reference.
2. Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 2: Council Operating Procedure 20: Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries (Revised).
3. Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 3: Proposed Revisions to Council Operating Procedure 20: Protocol for Consideration of Exempted Fishing Permits for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries (Strikethrough).
4. Agenda Item C.4.a, SRWG Report 1: SRWG Report on Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures.
5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Adopt Revised Terms of Reference for the Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup; Adopt Revisions to Council Operating Procedure 20; and Provide Other Guidance, as appropriate

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