

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES (COPS)

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. As of the Advanced Briefing Book production, no changes to COPS are recommended.

Council Officers, Members, and Designees

Take Reduction Team (TRT)

Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1387(f)(6)(C), requires that a TRT include “representatives of ... appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils.” On other TRTs, these positions have been filled by either Council members or Council staff. In September 2024, the Executive Director recommended that, given staffing levels, the positions be filled by a Council member, with staff support as appropriate. The Council subsequently appointed Ms. Rebecca Lent as the primary representative and Mr. Brad Pettinger as the alternate. Although Mr. Pettinger is no longer a Council member, he remains eligible and willing to serve should the Council wish to retain him in this role.

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:

- Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) – 1 Washington At-Large representative
- Salmon Technical Team (STT) – 1 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) representative
- Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) - 1 Idaho Department of Fish and Game representative
- SSC – 1 At-Large representative

Vacancies

The following table summarizes the vacancies on Council Advisory Bodies and active Ad hoc groups.

Advisory Body	Agency
Groundfish Management Team	ODFW, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
Habitat Committee	Northwest Fisheries Science Center
	Northwest Fisheries Science Center US Fish and Wildlife Service WDFW
Salmon Technical Team	ODFW
Scientific and Statistical Committee	At-Large (1)

Ad Hoc Groups	Agency
Ecosystem Workgroup	Tribal
Marine Planning Committee	West Coast Region California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup	Northwest Fisheries Science Center US Fish and Wildlife Service California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Council Operating Procedures

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.**

Reference Materials:

1. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.4 Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures (COPs) Kelly Ames
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Announce Appointments to Council Committees and Advisory Bodies; Adopt Changes to Council Operating Procedures, as Appropriate

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