

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

There were no changes to the Council's membership roster submitted for the advanced briefing book production.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has nominated Ms. Christina Lingvay to one of the two CDFW seats on the GMT, replacing Mr. James Phillips (Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1).

Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS)

Mr. Scott Hough resigned his position as a Washington At-Large representative on the EAS. Pending Council input, staff intend to advertise this vacancy for consideration at the March 2026 Council meeting.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS)

Mr. Gerald Reinhodt resigned his position as a Processor representative on the SAS. Pending Council input, staff intend to advertise this vacancy for consideration at the March 2026 Council meeting.

Ad Hoc Committees

Fisheries Innovation Workgroup

Mr. John Ugoretz notified the Executive Director that Ms. Liz Hellmers would no longer support the Fisheries Innovation Workgroup, as a Highly Migratory Species Team (HMSMT) member, due to higher priority tasks within her state and Council portfolio.

Klamath River Workgroup

At the September Council meeting, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) expressed concern about the status and productivity of the Klamath River Workgroup, noting increasing challenges in staffing and participation. Workgroup progress on tasks directly related to the Workgroup Terms of Reference (TOR) has been hampered by the retirement of a key Workgroup member and the Workgroup has been unable to reach agreement on other matters the Council had previously requested additional information on that are outside the scope of the TORs. In recognition of these issues, CDFW requested the Council revisit the group's purpose and future during the November salmon agenda item (Agenda Item G.5) with conforming action under the Membership Appointments, as appropriate. Options for consideration include continuing the

Workgroup with revised objectives, restructuring its scope or membership, pausing its work if progress cannot be sustained, or disbanding the Workgroup.

Vacancies

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

Advisory Body	Agency
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	Washington At-Large
Habitat Committee	Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC)
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	Processor
Salmon Technical Team	NWFSC US Fish and Wildlife Service Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Ad Hoc Group	Agency
Ecosystem Workgroup	Seat formerly held by Tommy Moore
Fishery Innovation Workgroup	HMSMT
Klamath River Workgroup	NWFSC
Marine Planning Committee	WCR
Sacramento River Workgroup	USFWS

Council Operating Procedures (COP)

There were no changes to the Council Operating Procedure submitted for the advanced briefing book production.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Appoint a CDFW GMT representative.**
- 2. Consider advertising for the vacant Washington At-Large position on the EAS.**
- 3. Consider advertising for the vacant Processor position on the SAS.**
- 4. Recommend next steps for the Klamath River Workgroup.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1, Attachment 1: GMT CDFW Nomination, Lingvay.
2. 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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