

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. The Council could also adopt the edits to COP 11 Plan Amendment Cycles, as discussed under Agenda Item C.5.

Council Officers, Members, and Designees

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region (WCR) informed the Council of a temporary addition to its designee list (Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1). Ms. Karen Palmigiano will serve as a WCR designee for the September Council meeting while Ms. Keeley Kent is on detail to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center.

The Council received a letter from Commander S.H. McGrew of the United States Coast Guard informing the Council of revisions to their representation on the Council (Agenda D.4, Attachment 2). Rear Admiral Michael Campbell is the Agency Principal, replacing Rear Admiral Arex Avanni. The USCG designee list remains unchanged.

Budget Committee

Mr. Brad Pettinger, Chair of the Budget Committee, concluded 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 Midwater Trawl position and 1 Open Access South of Mendocino position
- Highly Migratory Species Advisory (HMSAS) Subpanel – Commercial Purse Seine
- Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) – 1 Southwest Fisheries Science Center. Dr. Field recently accepted the position of Division Director for the Fisheries Ecology Division at the SWFSC and no longer serves on the SSC.
- SSC – 2 At-Large positions
- Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife – 1 position

Vacancies

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

Advisory Body	Agency
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	Processor
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	ODFW
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	At-Large
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	Midwater Trawl Open Access S. of Cape Mendocino
Groundfish Management Team	ODFW, WDFW
Habitat Committee	Northwest Fisheries Science Center
Salmon Technical Team	Northwest Fisheries Science Center US Fish and Wildlife Service Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Oregon 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, 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

Under this agenda item, the Council has the option to adopt the proposed COP 11 Plan Amendment Cycle revisions, presented in Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2, as final. The proposed revisions would clarify and make explicit the Council's flexibility to combine procedural steps, including steps that would otherwise occur at separate Council meetings, for well-developed, thoroughly analyzed, and low-controversy actions, while preserving applicable Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Magnuson-Stevens Act public-process requirements.

The Council will also consider final edits to COP 1, General Council Meeting Operations (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 5). The proposed revisions clarify the distinction between formal Council action taken by motion, Council guidance reflecting consensus, and comments made by individual Council members. The revisions also clarify when guidance is appropriate and when a motion is necessary to establish formal Council action or direction. The Council should review the proposed language and adopt final revisions to COP 1, as appropriate.

The COPs provide that COP revisions may be reviewed and adopted at a single Council meeting when proper notice has been provided or may occur over the course of two Council meetings, with preliminary action at the first meeting and final action at the second. The Council first considered Council action timelines and FMP meeting requirements described under COP 11 Plan Amendment Cycles under Special Project 1 in September 2025. In April 2026, the Council identified Council Action Meeting Requirements as a specific Special Project 1 priority and

directed staff to develop options for reducing the number of meetings required for certain noncontroversial, broadly supported actions, with action scheduled for September 2026. Proposed changes to COP 1 were included in the advanced Briefing Book for the September Council meeting.

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 revisions to COP 11 Plan Amendment Cycles that explicitly provides an accelerated schedule for considering FMP amendments that are thoroughly analyzed and documented; subject to broad agreement, as reflected in advisory body reports, public comment, and/or Council discussion; widely considered low-controversy or noncontroversial, as appropriate.**
4. **Adopt final revisions to COP 1 General Council Meeting Operations, as appropriate, to clarify the Council's use of motions, guidance, and other expressions of Council direction, including when a formal motion is needed and how Council guidance and individual member comments are reflected in the record.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 1: WCR Designee, Palmigiano.
2. Agenda Item D.4, Attachment 2: USCG Agency Principal, Campbell.
3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- D.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 Membership Appointments; Adopt Changes to COP 11, as Appropriate

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