

Proposed Changes to Council Operating Procedures

Council Operating Procedure 2 – Advisory Subpanels

Alternates

A subpanel member is encouraged to attend all meetings, but may request an alternate with appropriate expertise for the position. Members may send an alternate to a subpanel meeting no more than twice per calendar year under the following stipulations. All requests for alternates require prior approval of the Executive Director. The Executive Director must be notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the advisory body meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the advisory body meeting. The alternate will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences.

Council Operating Procedure 3 – Plan, Technical, and Management Teams

Alternates

A Team member is encouraged to attend all meetings, but may request an alternate with appropriate expertise for the position. Members may send an alternate to a Team meeting when the official member is unable to attend under the following stipulations. All requests for alternates require prior approval by the Executive Director. The alternate is expected to fulfill the primary duties of the absent member and the Executive Director must be notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the advisory body meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the Team meeting. Non-federal alternates will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences.

Council Operating Procedure 3 – Scientific and Statistical Committee

Alternate Members

Members are encouraged to attend all meetings, but members may, with prior approval by the Executive Director, send an alternate. When an appointed member representing a Federal, state, or tribal agency (categories 1, 2, and 3) will not be able to attend a meeting, a designee may be appointed if the Executive Director is notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the advisory body meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the advisory body meeting. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences. Such designees may participate in committee

deliberations as a regular member and non-federal alternates shall be reimbursed for expenses per the Council travel rules. Designees for at-large committee members are not authorized.

Council Operating Procedure 5 – Enforcement Consultants

Alternates

An Enforcement Consultant is encouraged to attend all meetings, but may request an alternate with appropriate expertise for the position. An Enforcement Consultant may send an alternate to a meeting no more than twice per calendar year under the following stipulations. All requests for alternates require prior approval by the Executive Director. The Executive Director must be notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at least ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the enforcement meeting. Non-federal alternates will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules as long as the official member is not in attendance. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences.

Council Operating Procedure 6 – Habitat Committee

Alternates

A Committee members are encouraged to attend all meetings, but may request an alternate with appropriate expertise for the position. Members may send an alternate to a meeting no more than twice per calendar year under the following stipulations. All requests for alternates require prior approval by the Executive Director. The Executive Director must be notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at least ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the HC meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the HC meeting. Non-federal alternates will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences.

Council Operating Procedure 7 – Groundfish Allocation Committee

Alternates

A Committee members are encouraged to attend all meetings, but may request an alternate with appropriate expertise for the position. Members may send an alternate to a meeting no more than twice per calendar year under the following stipulations. All requests for alternates require prior approval by the Executive Director. The Executive Director must be notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at least ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the HC meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the HC meeting. Non-federal alternates will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences.

Council Operating Procedure 7 – Ad Hoc Committees

Alternate Members

Due to the limited and specific nature of Ad Hoc Committees, members shall, generally, not be allowed to appoint alternates and are strongly encouraged to attend all Ad Hoc Committee meetings. However, a member may send an alternate to a subpanel meeting no more than twice per calendar year under the following stipulations. All requests for alternates require prior approval by the Executive Director. The Executive Director must be notified in advance in writing with the name of and contact information for the proposed alternate at least ~~two weeks~~ 30 days prior to the first day of the committee meeting, or the first day of the Council meeting held in conjunction with the committee meeting. Non-federal alternates will be reimbursed for travel expenses per the Council travel rules. Exceptions to these stipulations may be made at the discretion of the Executive Director for highly unusual occurrences. Such designees may participate in Ad Hoc Committee deliberations as a regular member.