

## AMENDMENT 24 AD-HOC WORKGROUP

The Council may wish to establish a small ad hoc workgroup to develop analytical materials for further consideration at the November, 2012 Council meeting. In 2001 the Council formed the Ad Hoc Groundfish Management Process Committee to oversee development of Groundfish FMP Amendment 17, which implemented the change from an annual cycle based on a September – November Council meeting process to the current biennial process. It was composed primarily of Council members, but also included a representative from the NMFS NWFSC who was also the Groundfish Management Team Chair, a NOAA General Council representative, and a member of the public.<sup>1</sup> However, in this case there may be considerable detailed analysis preparation needed on intricacies such as NEPA time lines, NMFS internal review processes, and new science turnaround schedules. Therefore, the Council may wish to appoint a more technically oriented workgroup, and convene a different group that includes Council Members for policy consideration input immediately before or after the November, 2012 Council meeting. Potential seats for an ad hoc workgroup might include:

- Council staff
- NOAA GC seat
- SSC seat
- State GMT seats
- GAP seat
- NMFS NWR, NWFSC, and NEPA coordinator seats

The Council could alternatively assign advancement of analytical materials to the Groundfish Process Improvements Committee (PIC), which includes a mix of Council Members and non-Council Members.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Membership included Council Members Phil Anderson, Burnie Bohn, LB Boydston, Ralph Brown, Jim Lone (Chair), Bill Robinson, as well as Eileen Cooney (NOAA GC), Jim Hastie (GMT Chair), and Bob Eaton (member of the public).

<sup>2</sup> Membership at time of appointment included Council Members Frank Lockhart, Michele Culver, Gway Kirchner, Rod Moore, and Dan Wolford; GMT Members Joanna Grebel, Jason Cope, Corey Niles, and Lynn Mattes; SSC Member Owen Hamel; GAP Member Dan Waldeck; NWR Representatives Kevin Duffy and Sara Williams; NOAA GC Representative Sheila Lynch; and Council staff.