

MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES

During this agenda item, the Council has the opportunity to consider changes in the Council Membership Roster, including Council Members, advisory body membership, and also any relevant changes in Council Operating Procedures (COP) or the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP).

Council Members and Designees

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has made revisions to its Council member designee list (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1). Dr. Caren Braby has been replaced as the third designee by Mr. Troy Buell.

Standing Council Member Committee Appointments

No new resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

Dr. Vidar Wespestad has resigned his position as an at-large member of the SSC, effective after the March meeting. Council staff issued a call for nominations to fill the vacancy on January 12. As of the deadline, we have received two nominations:

- Dr. Daniel Huppert, Professor Emeritus, School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2).
- Dr. Geoff Shester, California Program Director, Oceana, Monterey, CA (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

Management and Technical Teams

Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT)

The ODFW has nominated Ms. Cyreis Schmitt to the ODFW position on the CPSMT, replacing Mr. Greg Krutzikowsky (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4).

Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT)

The Quinault Indian Nation has nominated Dr. Larry Gilbertson to fill the vacant tribal seat on the EPDT. The letter of nomination is contained in Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Region (SWR) has advised the Council of the resignation of Ms. Heidi Hermsmeyer who has held one of the two SWR positions on the HMSMT. The SWR has indicated that it may be some time before a replacement can be named (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6).

Advisory Subpanels

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS)

Following the November Council meeting, Mr. Ben Enticknap submitted his resignation from the CPSAS conservation position. Council staff issued a call for nominations for a replacement on December 19, 2011. As of the briefing book deadline, we have received three nominations to fill the position, which are contained in Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7. The nominees are:

- Mr. Warren M. Stanton, Attorney, San Pedro, CA [Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7(1)]
- Mr. Steve Marx, Senior Associate, Pew Environment Group, Portland, OR [Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7(2)]
- Ms. Sarah McTee, Fishery Policy Specialist, Environmental Defense Fund, San Francisco, CA [Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7(3)]

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP)

Mr. Charles (Sonny) Peterson, tribal fisher position on the GAP, passed away on December 13, 2011. He was a conscientious GAP member, lifetime member of the Makah Tribe, an active treaty rights advocate, and a well-known commercial fisherman. The tribes are expected to nominate a replacement in the near future.

Enforcement Consultants (EC)

SAC Don Masters, NMFS SWR, has notified the Council that SA Nicholas Call will replace SA Tim Broadman as his designee on the EC.

Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC)

No new resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Habitat Committee (HC)

No new resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline. The tribal government seat is still vacant.

Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC)

No new resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Ad Hoc Council Committees

Council staff suggests that, consistent with the terms of Council Operating Procedure 8, the Council should consider voting to terminate several ad hoc committees that have either recently completed their work or have not met for several years. These include:

- Groundfish Regulatory Deeming Workgroup (work completed, last met in 2010)
- Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee (work completed, no meetings for several years)
- Salmon Amendment Committee (work on Amendment 16 completed in 2011)
- Trawl Rationalization Tracking and Monitoring Committee (no meetings in past several years)
- Tule Chinook Workgroup (work completed in 2011)
- Vessel Monitoring Committee (no meetings for many years)

If all of the above committees are terminated, the remaining ad hoc committees will be:

- Cost Recovery Committee (continued action expected in 2012)
- Mitchell Act Committee (NMFS has not yet issued a revised draft or final Environmental Impact Statement)
- Process Improvement Committee (may be useful for Amendment 24)
- Trawl Rationalization Regulatory Evaluation Committee (further work may be pending)

Appointments to Other Forums

No new resignations, nominations, or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline. At the November 2011 meeting, the Council chairman made two appointments: Ms. Gway Kirchner to replace Ms. Michele Culver as the Council representative to the International Pacific Halibut Commission and Mr. Buzz Brizendine to be the Council representative to meetings concerning the U.S.-Canada Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty.

Changes to Council Operations and Procedures

No changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Council Action:

Consider the following appointment and membership issues:

- 1. The two nominations to the at-large vacancy on the SSC.**
- 2. The nomination of Ms. Cyreis Schmitt to the ODFW position on the CPSMT.**
- 3. The nomination of Dr. Larry Gilbertson to the tribal position on the EPDT.**
- 4. The NMFS SWR position vacancy on the HMSMT.**
- 5. The three nominations for the vacant conservation position on the CPSAS.**
- 6. The tribal fisher vacancy on the GAP and tribal governmental position on the Habitat Committee.**
- 7. Termination of inactive ad hoc committees.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Letter from Mr. Roy Elicker revising ODFW designees.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Nomination of Dr. Daniel Huppert to the at-large position on the SSC.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Nomination of Dr. Geoff Shester to the at-large position on the SSC.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: Nomination of Ms. Cyreis Schmitt to the ODFW position on the CPSMT.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: Nomination of Dr. Larry Gilbertson to the tribal position on the EAS.
6. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 6: Letter of Resignation from the NMFS SWR position on the HMSMT.
7. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 7: Three nominations for the conservation position on the CPSAS.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview John Coon
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider Changes to Council Operations and Procedures and Appointments to Advisory Bodies

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