

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 appointments to other forums; 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

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

Council Member Committee Appointments

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

Council Advisory Body Appointments

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)

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

Management and Technical Teams

Groundfish Management Team (GMT)

The National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Fisheries Science Center (NMFS SWFSC) has nominated Ms. Rosemary Kosaka to the SWFSC position on the GMT, replacing Dr. Edward Dick (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1).

Advisory Subpanels

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS)

In response to the resignation of Mr. Merrick Burden, Council staff has solicited nominations to fill the conservation community position on the HMSAS. As of the October 13 nomination deadline, we have received three nominations (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2):

Mr. Chuck Farwell, Curator, Pelagic Fish Research, Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Ms. Sonja Fordham, President, Shark Advocates International, C/O the Ocean Foundation, Washington, DC.

Mr. Christian Iverson, fisherman, Point Arena, CA.

Enforcement Consultants (EC)

LT Jeff Samuels of the Oregon State Police has been selected as Chair of the EC, replacing outgoing Chair, Deputy Chief Mike Cenci, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. No other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC)

In response to the resignation of Ms Laura Pagano, Council staff has solicited nominations to fill the conservation community position on the GAC. As of the October 13 nomination deadline, we have received one nomination for Mr. Merrick Burden, Senior Fisheries Economist with the Environmental Defense Fund (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3).

Habitat Committee (HC)

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

Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC)

Staff has received a letter from the Quileute Tribal Council (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4) requesting that Ms. Jennifer Hagen be appointed to the EFHRC (COP 22). Members of this committee are appointed by the Council Chair with advice from Council members and advisors. The EFHRC is expected to meet in December to develop input to the Council on the process for the groundfish EFH five year review.

Ad Hoc Council Committees

At its September, 2010 meeting the Council established the Ad Hoc Mitchell Act Committee (MAC) to help develop comments on the Mitchell Act Hatchery Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The MAC will be terminated when its work on the DEIS comments are completed. Committee members are: Mr. Mark Cedergreen, Mr. Tim Roth, Mr. David Sones, Mr. Gordy Williams, and the agency Council members for Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Unfilled Vacancies

None identified by the Briefing Book deadline that have not been addressed by the Council.

Appointments to Other Forums

No appointments or other changes were identified by the Briefing Book deadline.

Changes to Council Operations and Procedures

Response to September Council Actions

Based on Council action at the September meeting to require a two-week notice for appointing alternates to attend an advisory body meeting, staff is in the process of modifying the Council Operating Procedures (COP) for Advisory Subpanels (COP 2); Plan, Technical and Management Teams (COP 3); Scientific and Statistical Committee (COP 4); Enforcement Consultants (COP

5); Habitat Committee (COP 6); Groundfish Allocation Committee (COP 7); and Ad Hoc Committees (COP 8).

Final Rule Addressing Regional Council Operations and Administration

On September 27, 2010, NMFS issued a final rule on certain Regional Council operations and administrative matters. Our Council provided comments on the proposed rule in November, 2009. The Council's primary concerns were centered around the definitions of "advisory panel" and "fishing industry advisory committee," and the resulting connection with eligibility for receiving stipend payments. The final rule (Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5, pages 59149 and 59150) maintains definitions that do not exactly fit our advisory body structure and desired stipend payment criteria. However, the rule appears to provide relatively simple actions we can take to continue our current stipend program for 2010. The simplest procedure appears to be action by the Council Chair to formally designate our individual subpanels and certain other committees as assisting the Council in carrying out its functions as Magnuson-Stevens Act §302(g)(2) advisory panels. More permanent and somewhat more complex changes could also be achieved with changes to the Council SOPP. We will be reviewing the rule further and may have some additional insights and recommendations that will be provided supplementally.

Council Tasks:

- 1. Consider issues with regard to appointments and COP changes, including:**
 - a. The nomination of Ms. Rosemary Kosaka to the SWFSC position on the GMT;**
 - b. The three nominations (Mr. Chuck Farwell, Ms. Sonja Fordham, and Mr. Christian Iversen) to the conservation community position on the HMSAS;**
 - c. The nomination of Mr. Merrick Burden to the conservation community position on the GAC;**
 - d. The request from the Quileute Tribal Council regarding membership for Jennifer Hagen on the EFHRC; and**
 - e. The September 27, 2010 final rule for Council operations.**

Reference Materials:

1. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 1: Nomination of Ms. Rosemary Kosaka to the SWFSC position on the GMT.
2. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 2: Three nominations to the conservation position on the HMSAS.
3. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 3: Nomination of Mr. Merrick Burden to the conservation position on the GAC.
4. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 4: Letter from the Quileute Tribal Council regarding membership on the EFHRC.
5. Closed Session A.1.a, Attachment 5: September 27 Final Rule: Regional Fishery Management Councils; Operations.

Agenda Order:

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

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