

Review of SOPPs Guidance on AP Appointments

Current SOPPs (Section 2.6.2; Page 8)

“The presence of a fishing violation is an important aspect in consideration of an AP appointment. The Council has determined: 1) Applicable fishing violations include only violations of federally managed species in either State or Federal waters; 2) Individuals are ineligible to serve on an AP within three years of the finding of liability through adjudication, settlement, or default; and, 3) Vessel owners shall not automatically be held responsible for violations by a crew member when the owner is not present.”

Council Clarification Requested by Staff

Staff is requesting clarification on the following aspects of this policy:

- 1) Specify in the SOPPs whether violations associated with reporting requirements are to be considered serious enough to disqualify an AP applicant and,
- 2) Specify in the SOPPs if the violations to be considered for AP appointments include species managed:
 - a) only by a regional fishery management council;
 - b) all federally managed species (this would include HMS species); or
 - c) both state and federally managed marine species.