

## **Administrative Policy Committee: Action Schedule & Next Steps for Tab G**

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### **Agenda Item IV: Update on AP & SSC Appointment Process and Structure (Tab G, No. 4)**

**Timeline Status:** Review and Decide on Various Aspects of AP & SSC Changes

**Council Input:** The document (Tab G, No. 4) contains a series of draft motions for Council consideration.

This item was reviewed in August and October and modified as requested. The AP suggestions include reducing sizes to a maximum of 20 members and to establish designated categories (such as commercial, private angler, for-hire, environmentalist, other) to improve membership representative of the diversity of our stakeholders. The Council has already decided to use the categories as guidance only. It is also proposed that the terms of the AP and SSC be changed from 2 to 3 years and be staggered so that only a third of our advisory seats are appointed in any single year (We currently have over 250 seats on the various APs and SSCs).

The SSC suggestions include integrating the three large SSCs (Standing, Ecosystem and Socioeconomic) into a single SSC with a size of about 18 members. Again various categories of scientists have been identified to provide a sufficient range of expertise. Given that stock assessment evaluation and participation in SEDAR workshops is currently the primary task of the SSC we are suggesting that quantitative biologist be the largest category with 7 participants (this was discussed and developed with the Standing SSC at their January meeting). This proposal explicitly adds 3 ecosystem scientists to the SSC, one additional economist, and 2 additional anthropologists. Based on discussions with the Standing SSC and previous input from the Socioeconomic SSC we are also proposing the creation of a Special Socioeconomic SSC that would meet jointly with the Standing SSC when there is a need to consider an amendment or analysis that is primarily economic or social in nature, similar to the way we work with the other Special SSCs. The Special Socioeconomic SSC would be comprised of 2 economists and 2 anthropologists.

It is also requested that for this year we go forward with the AP re-appointment process in April as we have done in the past but that we postpone the SSC appointment process to June. The two primary reasons for this request is to reduce potential workload and confusion in April during this transition year and because NMFS requires the SSC applicants to provide their Statement of Financial Interest to NMFS at least 45 days prior to their appointment.

**The Next Step** is review and decide on the AP and SSC proposals. Immediately after the January Council meeting staff will advertise the appointment process, providing by online and mail-in options. Existing members will be notified individually about the need to re-apply and any changes to the process approved by the Council.

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### **Agenda Item V: Review of DOC/NOAA/NMFS Comments on 2012 SOPPS (Tab G, No. 5)**

**Timeline Status:** First Review of Agency Comments on 2012 SOPPS

**Council Input:** In August and October the Council reviewed and decided on suggested revisions to the 2012 version of the SOPPs (Those changes are included in the briefing book as background information (Tab G, No. 5, a).

**The Next Step:** Council decision on acceptance of DOC/NOAA/NMFS comments and staff submission of same to the agency, along with any discrepancies between the 2012 SOPPs and the revised 2014 Administrative Handbook. At a future meeting the Council will be presented with additional suggested changes to the SOPPs based on previous changes to the Administrative Handbook and other items identified by staff.

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