

Participation Requirements for SSCs-
2.5.3 Administrative Provisions

The SSC Chair or their designee will, at the request of the Council Chair, attend Council meetings to report on SSC recommendations and rationale. (The SSC should attend and meet with the Council to the extent practicable.)

The procedural guidelines of Section 302(i)(2) of the Act (as amended) shall apply to the conduct of business at the meetings of the Council, advisory panels (APs), and SSCs. The Council's SSCs will meet with the approval of the Executive Director.

The Council prioritizes holding in-person SSC meetings with the ability to freely discuss and exchange information; however, the Council may choose to hold virtual meetings of the SSC. The Council also recognizes that extenuating circumstances occur for individual participants, and therefore may allow virtual participation on a case-by-case basis at an otherwise in-person meeting. A request for virtual participation by an SSC member will require at least 14 days advance notice to the Council staff lead for the SSC. Further, SSC members who have volunteered to serve in person in the Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process must notify the Council staff lead for the SSC at least 30 days in advance if they cannot attend.

Members of the public will be allowed to provide verbal comments during in-person and virtual meetings of the SSC as noticed on the agenda.

Participation Requirements for APs and technical committees
2.6.3 Administrative Provisions

The procedural guidelines of Section 302(I) (2) of the Act (as amended) shall apply to the conduct of business at the meetings of the Council, APs, technical committees, and SSCs. The Council's APs will meet with the approval of the Council Chair.

The Council prioritizes holding in-person AP and technical committee meetings with the ability to freely discuss and exchange information; however, the Council may choose to hold virtual meetings of an AP or technical committee. The Council also recognizes that extenuating circumstances occur for individual participants, and therefore may allow virtual participation on a case-by-case basis at an otherwise in-person meeting. A request for virtual participation by a member of an AP or technical committee will require at least 14 days advance notice to the Council staff lead for the AP or technical committee.

Members of the public will be allowed to provide verbal comments during in-person and virtual meetings of the APs or technical committees as noticed on the agenda.

Reporting Requirement

3.8 Council Member Compensation

Council members whose eligibility for compensation has been established in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Act) and NOAA guidelines will be paid on a contract basis without deductions being made for Social Security or federal and state income taxes. The level of compensation for authorized Council members shall be as established in accordance with Section 302(d) of the Act and the Federal rule (50 CFR § 600.245).

Compensation will be paid to eligible Council members for time spent in the performance of official duties for the Council and as authorized by the Council or the Council Chair. Payment will be made for a full day's pay whether the duties performed are in excess of or less than eight hours a day for physical attendance at authorized meetings. Payment for authorized participation in conference calls, webinars, or any other electronic meeting that does not require the member to be physically present to participate will be paid at the half-day rate if the electronic meeting is less than four hours. Payment for participation in an electronic meeting that has a duration of four hours or more will be paid at the full day's pay rate. The time is compensable where the individual member is required to expend a significant private effort which substantially disrupts the daily routine to the extent that a work day is lost to the member. "Homework" time in preparation for formal Council meetings is not compensable. Non-government Council members receive compensation for:

- A. Days spent in actual attendance at a meeting of the Council or jointly with another Council.
- B. Travel on the day preceding or following a scheduled meeting that precluded the member from conducting their normal business on the day in question.
- C. Meetings of standing committees of the Council if approved in advance by the Chair.
- D. Individual member meeting with scientific and technical advisors when approved in advance by the Chair and a substantial portion of any day is needed.
- E. Conducting or attending hearings when authorized in advance by the Chair.
- F. Other meetings involving Council business when approved in advance by the Chair.

In accordance with 50 CFR 600.245(c), the Executive Director of the Council must submit to the Regional Office annually a report, approved by the Council Chair, of Council member compensation authorized. This report shall identify, for each member, amount paid, dates, and location and purpose of meetings attended.

Anti-Harassment Policy

4.8.1 Training

Anti-Harassment Training should be completed at the time of appointment or reappointment of Council Members, SSC members, ~~and~~ AP members, **and technical committee members**. State Directors and their designees should complete anti-harassment training every three years and at the time of appointment.