

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## Enforcement Committee Minutes June 6, 2017

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Enforcement Committee met on June 6, 2017 in Juneau, Alaska.

Committee members in attendance included CAPT Stephan White (Interim Chairman), Roy Hyder, Will Ellis, Alisha Falberg, Brian McTague, LCDR Corrie Sergent, LT Jon Streifel, and Nathan Lagerway. The committee was staffed by Jon McCracken.

Others in attendance included: Guy Holt, LT Yvonne Yang, Scott Gray, Mike Kreis

### **1. Election of a New Enforcement Committee Chairman**

The Enforcement Committee is delaying election of a new committee chairman until the December 2017 committee meeting. This delay will provide time for Council to appoint a replacement voting Council member, in addition to NMFS and Coast Guard representatives that are members of the committee, which the committee recommends to provide an additional Council perspective. In the interim, the committee voted to have CAPT Stephen White serve as Committee Chair until the December 2017 meeting and election. Finally, the committee also agreed to elect a Vice Chairman during the December 2017 committee meeting, who will assist the Committee Chairman and represent/lead the committee during any Chairman absence.

### **2. NOAA Enforcement Priorities**

The Enforcement Committee received a briefing from Will Ellis (NOAA OLE) regarding the ongoing update to NOAA's National Enforcement Priorities. NOAA OLE Headquarters is two weeks behind their intended schedule for posting the draft National Enforcement Priorities, and therefore Enforcement Committee input on these priorities was not possible during this meeting. Once the draft Priorities document is released, there will be a period for public comment. Mr. Ellis indicated that the agency is receptive to any comments on the National priorities during this development period. In addition, the Enforcement Committee is looking forward to reviewing the NOAA OLE's Alaska Region enforcement priorities upon the release of the final National Enforcement Priorities.