# SSC ADMIN ISSUES

**APRIL 2022** 





#### HYBRID MEETING

- Please be patient! Piloting a lot of new technology and processes
- SSC: many members in person; some participating remotely
  - Also presenters and testifiers
- Using Zoom not Adobe Connect for remote participation
- Meeting is still being recorded





#### COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON

- Masks are strongly encouraged
- Social distancing in the meeting room
- If you experience symptoms, please test and participate remotely
- If you test positive for COVID, please let us know so we can post an announcement in the room
  - We will not disclose your personal information
- Please be sensitive to others' safety comfort levels; some people may prefer a phone conversation rather than close talking in the hallway

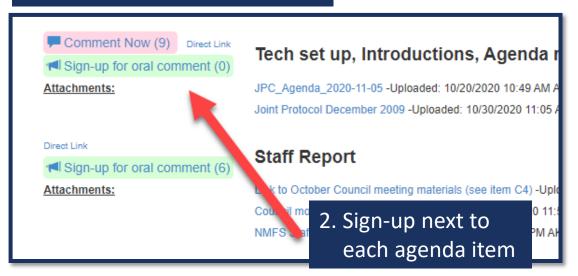


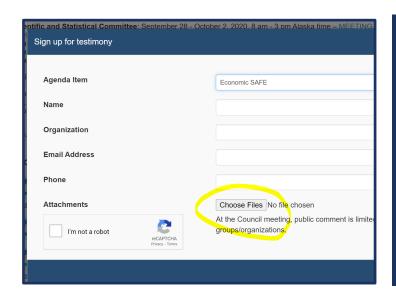
# IN-PERSON OR REMOTE: STILL USING EAGENDA TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY

- Testimony by topic under each agenda item
- 5 minute timer for oral testimony



#### 1. Start from the SSC eAgenda:





# 3. Fill out this form.

- Use drop down to select the agenda item
- Enter your personal details
- Attach handouts or ppts
- Select "I'm not a robot"

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM EXEC DIR REPORT

- New Regional Administrators
  - NMFS: Jon Kurland (will speak to SSC on Tues AM)
  - USFWS: Sara Boario (at meeting on Weds)
- Yukon Salmon Summit priorities posted on Council agenda
- NMFS/BOEM Draft Federal Survey Mitigation Strategy public comment opportunity posted
  - Addresses anticipated impacts of offshore wind energy development on NMFS scientific surveys
- Annual IFQ report to the fleet posted



AFA, A80, CGOA Rockfish, BSAI Crab Cooperative Reports posted

# STAFF PAPER: REFLECTIONS ON COUNCIL PROCESS AND IDEAS FOR CHANGE (1/5)

- Reviewed by Council in February 2022
- Council tasked their Executive Committee and SSC and AP leadership to review the paper and provide recommendations
  - Held public meeting in March; report posted
- Intent is to review once more with SSC, AP, and Council at April meeting, and receive public input
- Council will then direct staff whether to initiate deeper dive
   on any of these ideas for a future meeting.

### COMMITTEE PRIORITIZED 5 IDEAS (2/5)

- Staff paper identifies 14 ideas for Council process change, (in no particular order), relating to:
  - Council meeting schedule/agenda timing, and
  - Council advisory bodies
- Ideas in staff paper are independent of accessibility and engagement changes already being implemented by Council, and would be considered in that framework
- Recommendation: initially prioritize 5 ideas for further exploration





# COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (3/5)

- 5. Reevaluate the timing of the crab and groundfish harvest specifications, in light of fishery needs and stock prioritization
  - Difficulties with crab specs and opening fisheries on October 15
  - SSC and AFSC author concerns with groundfish timing
  - BUT timing factors very complex need broad internal review

#### Committee:

- Hopeful that prioritizing this issue will also help address SSC workload (idea 13)
  - Any changes should maintain robust quality of scientific info in the specifications process

# COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (4/5)

- 1. Reduce the number of annual Council meetings from 5 to 4, and drop the February meeting
  - Dec to Feb shortest time for work between meetings (holiday leave)

#### Committee:

- Consider impacts on recurring February issues (especially for SSC), overlapping meeting dates incl PFMC, and when to schedule a meeting in the Pacific Northwest
- Consider tradeoffs of 4-meeting schedule with meeting length
- 2. Create a schedule that makes 1-2 meetings per year virtual, and the remaining meetings in person
  - Cost savings for public and Council; equal access

#### **Committee:**

 Perhaps not scheduled if also do Idea 1; explore which agenda items lend themselves well to virtual vs in-person

# COMMITTEE PRIORITIES (5/5)

- 9. Changes to the nomination/reappointment process for the AP timing, qualifications, term length
  - Move AP nomination process earlier (deadline mid October)?
  - Change AP membership criteria? Term length?

#### Committee:

- Benefits of more time for Council to consider candidates
- Examine tradeoffs of a 1-year vs 3-year initial appointment, mentorship
- 12. Changes to the nomination/reappointment process for the SSC timing, recruitment, soliciting SSC input.
  - Move SSC nomination process earlier (deadline mid October)?
  - Consider SSC recruitment process, process for getting SSC input

#### Committee:

- Evaluate timing factors for when SSC members know about interest in reappointment and who will be Chair, as inputs to communicating on what expertise is needed
- Recruitment ideas from other Councils?



#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Questions on travel claims?
  - Contact <u>nicole.schmidt@noaa.gov</u>

- Feedback always appreciated!
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