
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:

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Attachments:

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Staff Report

Link to October Council meeting materials (see item C4) -Upl

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2. Sign-up next to each agenda item

Scientific and Statistical Committee: September 28 - October 2, 2020, 8 am - 3 pm Alaska time - MEETING

Sign up for testimony

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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 commented on all 14 ideas in their report



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?
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- Feedback always appreciated!
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