

Council Motion
Agenda Item D8 – Social Science Planning Team
December 10, 2018

The Council approves the SSPT terms of reference for the Social Science Planning Team with the inclusion of additional language on membership, which clarifies that Tribally-affiliated individuals may be eligible for consideration on the SSPT:

1. **Membership.** SSPT members will be appointed from public organizations and academic institutions having expertise in diverse social science fields such as anthropology, sociology, economics, and human geography. Normally, the SSPT will include at least one member from the Council staff, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Regional Office (AKRO), NMFS' Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN), and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G). The Council may also consider members who are tribally-affiliated (defined as being nominated by a Tribe or Alaska Native organization), as well as from North Pacific Research Board (NPRB), and other agencies or institutions as appropriate. With the consent of the sponsoring agency or institution, nominations may be made by the Council, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the Advisory Panel (AP), the SSPT, or the public. All nominations will be subject to approval by the SSC, with the Council retaining final appointment authority. Appointments should reflect the SSPT's responsibility to provide advice and expertise from a range of social sciences and study areas.