North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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E Staff Tasking

December 2018 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Review Committees

2. Provide direction on tasking and scheduling

BACKGROUND

Committees

Attached is the updated Council committee list reflecting Council changes in October 2018.

At the end of this agenda item, the Chairman will announce 2019 appointments to the **Advisory Panel**, the **Scientific and Statistical Committee**, and the **Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee**. A call for nominations was included in the October 2018 newsletter for these advisory bodies, and a list of candidates was attached to the B1 Executive Director's report. Advisory Panel members will serve three-year terms, SSC members one-year terms, and PNCIAC members two-year terms. Additionally, Ms. Gretchen Harrington has been nominated by NMFS to replace Mr. Jon Kurland on the **Ecosystem Committee**. Since the October meeting, the Chairman Kinneen also appointed members to the Halibut Stakeholder Committee, which met during the last week of November.

The Council will also consider the candidacy of three persons to fill vacant seats on the Council's **Social Science Planning Team**, **BSAI Groundfish Plan Team**, and the **Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team** (resumes are in the B1 report).

Committee and Plan Team meetings that are currently anticipated between December 2018 and April 2019 include:

- FMAC Partial Coverage Subgroup, January 17, teleconference
- BSAI Crab Plan Team meeting, January 22-25, Nome, AK
- Halibut Stakeholder Committee meeting, February 4, 8am-12pm, Portland, OR
- Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee, February 4, 1-5pm Portland, OR
- Ecosystem Committee meeting, February 5 (tentative), Portland OR
- Scallop Plan Team, February 20, Kodiak, AK
- Trawl EM Committee meeting, March 4-5, Seattle, WA
- Salmon bycatch genetics workshop, February 28-March 1, AFSC, Seattle, WA

Enforcement Committee Report

The Council's Enforcement Committee met on December 4th to review the Council's Enforcement Precepts, and the Committee's Terms of Reference. The Council may wish to hear a report from the Committee meeting at this time.

Tasking and Scheduling

Also attached are various tasking documents. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

- Three-meeting outlook
- Council staff responsibilities
- Observer Program projects
- IFQ projects
- Groundfish Workplan

Public comment

The public comment letters submitted for your review and consideration are linked to the agenda.