

Administrative/Budget Committee
Action Schedule & Next Steps for Tab G
January 2016

Agenda Item IV: Review of Ad Hoc APs (Tab G, No. 4)

Timeline Status: Initial Review

Background: The Council decided in January 2015 to review the Ad Hoc Advisory Panels each January to determine if they should be continued another year. In August 2015 the Council removed the Ad Hoc APs from the 3-year tiered membership appointment process and decided to consider appointments to Ad Hoc APs yearly at the Council's January meeting. The rationale for not including the Ad Hoc APs in the appointment process for the regular APs is that Ad Hoc APs are created for a specific short-term purpose and membership changes may not always be warranted.

The Next Step: To decide if any of the Ad Hoc APs are to be discontinued and if any needed to be advertised for membership in 2016.

Agenda Item V: Review of 2016 AP Membership Expirations (Tab G, No. 5)

Timeline Status: Ongoing review.

Background: The Coral, Spiny Lobster and Data Collection APs were appointed in 2015 for a 1-year term to initiate the staggered 3-year appointment schedule we established for all the permanent APs. The Coral AP met one time during 2015 but the other two APs have not met. We do plan to convene the Spiny Lobster AP in April 2016 to review the landings data with respect to the Spiny Lobster ACL

The Next Step: To determine if the Coral, Spiny Lobster or Data Collection APs need to be advertised in 2016 or simply be reappointed for the next 3-year term.

Agenda Item VI: Update on AP Background Checks by the States (Tab G, No. 6)

Timeline Status: Ongoing review.

Background: The Law Enforcement Technical Committee met by webinar and discussed the feasibility of conducting AP applicant background checks for violations related to federally managed species. Not all States may be able to separate violations by federally managed species. All states also require a signed request from the applicant authorizing a background check.

The Next Step: To work with the State law enforcement agencies to develop the protocol for obtaining background checks and get final agreement among the States at the spring 2016 Law Enforcement Technical Committee meeting.
