

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

Agenda Item IV: Review of Advisory Panels (Tab G, No. 4a & 4b)

Timeline Status: In January 2014 the Council decided to review the Ad Hoc Advisory Panels annually. Also, the Red Drum and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panels are scheduled to be re-advertised this year.

Council Input and Next Steps: The Council needs to decide if any of the Ad Hoc Advisory Panels have completed their work and can be eliminated or if any of them need to be re-advertised. With regard to the Red Drum and CMP Advisory Panels, the Council needs to decide if they both should be re-advertised or if the Red Drum Advisory Panel can be renewed for another 3-year term without being re-advertised since they have not been convened since being populated in 2015.

Agenda Item V: Council Participation in the Marine Resource Education Program Workshops (Tab G, No. 5)

Timeline Status: The Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) Workshops meet twice a year and they reserve a spot each year for one Council member to attend. The two workshops consist of science and management training. MREP pays all travel expenses and Council members participate on their own time and do not serve as a representative of the Council. Consequently, participation incurs no cost to the Council. Staff is proposing a method for selecting Council member attendance whereby the Executive Director will announce to the Council when a MREP workshop is scheduled and request Council members to indicate if they are interested in attending. If more than one person indicates interest then the Council Chair will select the participant. If a Council member has previously attended one of the two annual workshops they will be given the first opportunity to attend the complementary workshop.

Council Input and Next Steps: The Council needs to approve the method for selecting Council member attendance at MREP workshops.
