

Administrative Policy & Budget/Personnel Committee:
Action Schedule & Next Steps for Tab G
October 2015

Agenda Item VI: Review of AP Staggered Terms (Tab G, No. 4)

Timeline Status: Initial Review

Background: The Council decided to create 3-year staggered terms for AP members in March and, in June, decided to consider appointments to Ad Hoc APs yearly at the Council's January meeting.

The Next Step: To approve staff's movement of the spiny lobster and coral APs to be reconsidered for appointments in 2016 instead of 2017 and 2018, respectively, to make the three year staggered terms going forward more equal in number (approximately 31-36 appointments per year, excluding the Ad Hoc APs).

Agenda Item VIII: Review of SOPPs Revisions (Tab G, No. 5)

Timeline Status: Ongoing review.

Background: Staff has updated the SOPPs based the Council's changes in June and some minor editorial modifications. The SOPPs now contain guidance on AP appointments relative to fishery violations, designation of the Chair and Vice-Chair as having the authority to exceed standard GSA lodging rates, designating the Administrative Officer rather than the Executive Director as the one to maintain personnel files, the combining of Administrative Policy and Budget functions into a single committee and the creation of a Personnel Committee.

The Next Step: To review and approve existing track changes.

Agenda Item IX: Review of Red Snapper Related MSA Reauthorization Bills (Tab G, No. 6)

Timeline Status: Initial Review

Background: Both the House and Senate have offered various MSA reauthorization bills that staff will review in preparation for the possibility that the Council may be asked to testify at a future hearing. NOAA General Counsel, at the Council Coordination Committee meeting in June, advised the Councils they could no longer provide testimony or letters supporting or opposing any action proposed by Congress, but rather, the Council can only describe the potential impacts of proposed actions. In June the Council reviewed HR 1335 and S 1403, the major reauthorization bills. At this meeting we are reviewing bills specifically addressing red snapper management in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Next Step: To review the Congressional bills regarding red snapper management.
