

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FROM THE SSC SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Hutchinson Island, FL  
June 9, 2009**

The SSC Selection Committee met Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Hutchinson Island, FL to address the following items:

1. SSC Membership

The Committee entered closed session to consider reappointment of SSC members assigned terms ending in 2009 and appointment of new members to fill several recent vacancies. Existing members Carolyn Belcher, Andrew Cooper, Sherry Larkin, and John Whitehead were reappointed to 3 year terms. New applicants Chip Collier and John Boreman were appointed to 3 year terms, while applicant Matt Cieri was appointed to a 2 year term. Differing appointment times for new applicants is to prevent a large turnover in any single year.

2. SEP Membership

The Committee continued in closed session to consider appointments to the newly created Social and Economic Panel. Appointees are Scott Crosson, Sherry Larkin and John Whitehead, who also currently serve on the SSC, along with Chris Dumas and Kurt Schnier.

The Committee agreed that the SEP should be chaired by a member who also serves on the SSC, and directed staff to consult with the individuals present to identify a chair for consideration at full Council on Thursday.

3. SSC Stipends

The Committee continued in closed session to discuss payment of SSC stipends in accordance with the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act, and agreed to pay stipends of \$250 per day to eligible members effective as of the SSC meeting of June 7 – 9, 2009. Eligible activities and payment procedures will be handled similar to current process for payment to eligible Council members.

4. SOPP Modifications

The Committee discussed several potential modifications to the SOPPS relative to SSC operations.

- It was recommended that language from the proposed rule describing SSC eligibility be included in the SOPPS and that an additional statement specifying 3 year terms for SSC members be added.
- No changes to the SOPPS were recommended regarding the timing of SSC meetings.
- The Committee recommended adding language to address the need for SSC members to provide financial disclosure forms.
- No changes to the SOPPs addressing the naming of technical committees and fisheries advisory panels were recommended at this time. The Committee noted that name changes in the proposed rule remain unclear and appear different from the naming conventions used by many Councils. Therefore, the Committee decided to hold action on this item until the final rule is available.

## 5. Other Business

The Committee received an update from John Carmichael on implementation of a consensus process in developing SSC positions in lieu of motions and voting. The SSC was encouraged to use a consensus at this meeting and successfully did so over the last 2 days. SSC members expressed little opposition to using consensus.

The Committee discussed a request from the SSC for greater influence over their agenda, especially with regard to presentations of materials submitted for consideration. The Committee reiterated that the SSC is intended to serve as the peer review body for all scientific issues submitted to the Council and that filling such a role would at times require late agenda additions to accommodate the necessary review within the Council's timing of actions. The Committee agreed to involve the SSC Chair and Vice-Chair in determining whether a presentation to the SSC is desired in support of submitted comments.

## 6. Motions

1. Approve the agenda. Made by Chevront, second by Robson, carried.
2. Approve the minutes of March 2009. Made by Shipman, second by Chevront, carried.
3. Reappoint Andy Cooper, Carolyn Belcher, Sherry Larkin, and John Whitehead to the SSC. Made by Chevront, second by Boyles, carried.
4. Appoint John Boreman to the SSC for a 3-year term. Made by Boyles, second by Robson, carried.
5. Appoint Matt Cieri to the SSC for a 2-year term. Made by Shipman, second by Boyles, carried.
6. Appoint Chip Collier to the SSC for a 3-year term. Made by Chevront, second by Robson, carried.
7. Appoint Chris Dumas, Scott Crosson, Sherry Larkin, John Whitehead, and Kurt Schnier to the Social and Economic Panel. Made by Chevront, second by Robson, carried.
8. Recommend stipend payments of \$250 per day to eligible SSC members with payment frequency and eligible activities addressed in accordance with the policies applicable to Council member payments. Made by Shipman, second by Chevront, carried.

Tasks Motion for consideration at full Council:

Direct staff to:

1. Forward recommended changes in the SOPPs to the SOPPs committee.
2. Provide stipend payments to the SSC effective as of the June 2009 meeting.
3. Send letters of appointment to SSC and SEP appointees.
4. Hold an orientation meeting for new SSC appointees and the SEP.
5. Convene a joint meeting of the SSC and the SSC Selection Committee to clarify the Council's expectations for the SSC.

