

ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS
AND COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES - INCLUDING FINAL 2025-2027 ADVISORY
BODY COMPOSITION

In June, the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) provided a report to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) ([Agenda Item C.6.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1, June 2024](#)) recommending modifications to our composition. As noted, the EAS believes that our group is right-sized and there is a good balance of representation across multiple areas of expertise and disciplines, including different fishery sectors, academia and research, and conservation interests. While the current EAS composition is structured to ensure equal representation from each state, the EAS believes that it is more important to continue to represent the diversity of sectors and expertise that we currently have, rather than to have only state-specific representatives.

To that end, we again recommend restructuring the EAS to allow for 3 at-large membership seats (i.e., not affiliated with a specific state). This will provide flexibility to help ensure we maintain a balance across multiple areas of expertise and disciplines. Specifically, the EAS recommends the Council modify Council Operating Procedure 2 as follows:

Advisory Subpanels

Ecosystem	2 California at-large
9 positions	2 Oregon at-large
	2 Washington at-large
	3 members at-large

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