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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Council Members
FROM: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Recommended Policy Changes from the Executive Committee

At its late February meeting the Council's Executive Committee reviewed two NEFMC policies and recommended several changes for Council consideration. The policies are attached with the additional language shaded for your reference. The Council is being asked to approve or modify the changes so that they may be incorporated into the NEFMC Operations Handbook.

The draft policy on Advisory Panels now includes the issue of seating advisory panel chairs along with oversight committee members at the table during committee meetings. The paragraph elaborates on the protocols associated with the new practice.

The draft Plan Development Team (PDT) Policy has two revisions. The first acknowledges current practice, that the Executive Director appoints all PDT members. A second addition would allow the Executive Committee to appoint industry-funded and/or NGO scientists to any PDT, but on a case-by-case basis.