

Streamlining CCSBT Subsidiary Body Chairing Arrangements – Part 2

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Background

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) has a number of Subsidiary Bodies, see Annex 1. By nature of the roles, the chairing arrangements for each body varies. At CCSBT22, the Extended Commission agreed to develop common standards for the appointment and length of tenure for all chairs of CCSBT subsidiary bodies. Australia volunteered to prepare draft chairing arrangements for subsidiary bodies to provide greater consistency across all chairs. This paper builds on CCSBT Circular #2016-046 which proposed arrangements for the Scientific and Extended Scientific Committees.

Current and proposed chairing arrangements

The following tables present the current chairing arrangements for CCSBT subsidiary bodies and proposes options for future arrangements. The proposed options impose no new costs on the Commission.

Subsidiary bodies

Scientific Committee and Extended Scientific Committee (as outlined in Circular #2016-046)

(Current term expires 10 May 2017)

	Current	Proposed
Responsibility for appointment	The CCSBT Convention states that the Scientific Committee appoints the chair of the Scientific Committee and Extended Scientific Committee, but in practice the Extended Commission has appointed it.	Extended Commission
Appointment term	Practice is 2 years	Three years
Reappointments	No limit	Twice
Independence	In 1999 the Commission agreed the SC/ESC chair should not be a national of the Parties nor have been a permanent resident or have worked for the Parties since 31/12/89 except where Parties reach a consensus to choose the qualified individual. Practice has deviated from this.	The chair shall not be a CCSBT member government employee at the time of appointment nor throughout the term of the contract, but can be a national of a member country.
Reference	Contract, Convention, CCSBT 6 Part 1	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies

Compliance Committee

(Current term expires 16 October 2017)

	Current	Proposed
Responsibility for appointment	Extended Commission appoints chair	Extended Commission
Appointment term	Two years	Two years
Reappointments	Twice	Twice
Independence	Yes	The chair shall not be employed by a CCSBT member government at the time of appointment nor throughout the term of the contract, but can be a national of a member country.
Reference	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies

Ecologically Related Species Working Group

(Current chair expires March 2017)

	Current	Proposed
Responsibility for appointment	Extended Commission appoints chair	Extended Commission appoints chair
Appointment term	At least two ERSWG meetings	At least two ERSWG meetings
Reappointments	Not stated	Yes – no limit
Independence	Yes	The chair shall not be employed by a CCSBT member government at the time of appointment nor throughout the term of the contract, but can be a national of a member country.
Reference	Para 39 CCSBT17 + Contract	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies

Compliance Committee Working Group

(Current chair contract expires 16 October 2017)

	Current	Proposed
Responsibility for appointment	The Compliance Committee Chair chairs the Compliance Committee Working Group where available, as per Compliance Committee Chair contract	Compliance Committee Chair chairs the Compliance Committee Working Group where available, as per Compliance Committee Chair contract
Appointment term	As per Compliance Committee Chair	As per Compliance Committee Chair
Reappointments	As per Compliance Committee Chair	As per Compliance Committee Chair
Independence	As per Compliance Committee Chair	As per Compliance Committee Chair
Reference	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies

Finance and Administration Committee

	Current	Proposed
Responsibility for appointment	Terms of Reference states it's to be elected by Finance and Administration Committee but practice is the Extended Commission elects prior to Finance and Administration Committee meeting.	Extended Commission elects prior to Finance and Administration Committee meeting.
Appointment term	Not stated	Year by year
Reappointments	Not stated	Yes – no limit
Independence	Not stated	Can be a member country delegate.
Reference	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies

Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group

	Current	Proposed
Responsibility for appointment	Practice is that host country chairs, not clearly stated anywhere.	Host country appoints chair unless Commission agrees otherwise.
Appointment term	Not stated	Meeting by meeting
Reappointments	Not stated	Yes – no limit
Independence	Not stated	Can be a member country delegate.
Reference	CCSBT15 Report Att 15	Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies

Technical Working Groups

The Catch Per Unit Effort Working Group and Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting, chaired by Independent Scientific Panel members, are highly technical working groups of the Extended Scientific Committee. They are not established under the CCSBT convention nor created by the Extended Commission. The Independent Scientific Panel's engagement in leading these working groups has been critical to the Extended Scientific Committee's processes. This paper separates these two working groups from the other subsidiary bodies and does not propose any changes to their chairing arrangements.

Catch per Unit Effort Working Group

	Current
Chair	Chaired by an Independent Scientific Panel member
Appointment term	Not defined
Reappointments	Not defined
Independence	Chaired by a member of the Independent Scientific Panel

Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting

	Current
Chair	Chaired by an Independent Scientific Panel member
Appointment term	Not defined
Reappointments	Not defined
Independence	Chaired by a member of the Independent scientific panel

Process for appointments

As with the process outlined in Circular #2016-046, the following process could be used, for similar (ie. Compliance Committee, Ecologically Related Species) appointments:

1. Secretariat confirms process and timing of process by circular (or at meeting as required)
2. Secretariat calls for nominations by circular (and advertises as appropriate)
3. Secretariat distributes nominees' applications to members to rank
4. Secretariat tallies votes
5. Successful candidate is notified
6. Members notified of successful candidate

Recording agreed changes

Currently, the [CCSBT Terms of Reference for Subsidiary Bodies document](#) only details terms of reference and chairing arrangements for Compliance Committee, Ecologically Related Species Working Group and Standing Committee for Finance and Administration. This document is an appropriate and accessible document to record the agreed chairing arrangements for future reference.

CCSBT Subsidiary Body Structure

