

- (d) perform other duties and functions that may be referred to it by the JMC.

3. A Joint Management Committee (JMC) is hereby established comprising eight members, four appointed by each Party. The members appointed by each Party shall comprise the national section of that Party. Recommendations of the JMC shall be made by agreement of the two national sections. JMC meetings shall be open to the public, unless the JMC determines that, due to extraordinary circumstances, a closed session is necessary. The JMC shall meet at least once per year and more often as necessary to:

- (a) adopt its terms of reference and approve the terms of reference of the JTC and SRG;
- (b) provide the SRG and JTC the direction necessary to guide their deliberations;
- (c) refer any technical issues or other duties to the SRG or JTC as it deems appropriate;
- (d) consider information on management measures employed by the Parties; and
- (e) review the advice of the JTC, the SRG, and the Advisory Panel and, by no later than March 25 of each year, recommend for approval of the Parties the overall TAC for that year, calculate each Party's individual TAC pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article III, and identify any adjustments pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Article.

4. An Advisory Panel on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Advisory Panel) is hereby established comprising members appointed by each Party. The members appointed by each Party shall comprise the national section of that Party. Decisions of the Advisory Panel shall be made by agreement of the two national sections. Members of the Advisory Panel shall be individuals knowledgeable or experienced in the harvesting, processing, marketing, management, conservation, or research of the Pacific hake/whiting fisheries and may not be employees of either Party. Meetings of the Advisory Panel shall be open to the public. The Advisory Panel shall meet annually prior to the meeting of the JMC, or more often as necessary, to:

- (a) establish its terms of reference;
- (b) compile and provide to the Parties, by no later than March 25 of each year, the names of at least three scientific experts as candidates for the JTC and the names of at least five scientific experts as candidates for the SRG, for appointment in the following year;