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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 2022 (corrected)
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Tom Nies, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Advisory Panel Chair Compensation for EBFM**

1. This year the Council will conduct a prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for its eFEP. The role of stakeholders for this effort will be filled by the EBFM Committee augmented by Advisory Panel (AP) Chairs. Since is outside the normal role of an AP Chair, there is a concern that some may not choose to participate. Does the Executive Committee want to pay a stipend to encourage participation?

2. The MSA allows a stipend to be paid to AP members. The Councils have different policies on this practice. While some do pay AP members a stipend, the amounts differ. The Executive Committee considered doing so in the past but decided against it because of cost and also because the MAFMC does not do so. We preferred a regional approach given the overlap between our fisheries and AP membership

3. I am concerned that AP chairs may not be willing to participate in the EBMS MSE effort because it is only tangentially related to their FMP interests. AP Chair participation could be very helpful in designing the MSE and making sure it addresses real-world issues.

4. Should the Executive Committee want to pay a stipend, I suggest it match the \$300/day paid to SSC members.