

Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

Monday, May 21, 2007 1pm-5pm
Traynor Room, Building 4, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, WA
video conference sites: NMFS offices, Anchorage and Juneau

A. Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan

Purpose: Develop recommendations for the Council regarding the Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan

1. overview of FEP

- structure of the document, analytical approach chosen by the Team

2. discussion of the identified important interactions in the AI ecosystem

- risk assessment – what is the probability and impact of change occurring with respect to these interactions? How is the Council currently addressing this risk?
- implications for management – what else might the Council do to address this risk?

3. future of the FEP

- how should the document be used by the Council/staff, both in the short term and in the long term?
- relationship to the Ecosystem Considerations chapter – FEP identified a framework of indicators that would refine the AI contributions in the chapter, but we should have a realistic expectation of how and on what timescale it is reasonable to see those incorporated into the chapter (and is the chapter the best vehicle for some of these indicators)
- Team has identified a number of ways to continue work on the FEP – how and on what timescale should these move forward? (we have talked about re-evaluating the FEP on a 3-5 year timeframe; however there may be some work/updates that would be useful to address on a shorter timeframe)
- future of the Team – the Team disbands at the conclusion of this phase of the process. Should there be a role for an FEP team, either this one or one that is constituted with different membership, as part of the future of the FEP? What would be its purpose?

4. Committee to develop recommendations for the Council

B. Update on research project: institutional profiles of major State and Federal agencies in Alaska, with respect to their roles in ecosystem-based management.