North Pacific Fishery Management Council Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee Meeting

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle August 28-30, 2006

Meeting available by teleconference. Dial-in phone number: 907-789-6622. Meeting times listed below are Pacific Standard Time.

Purpose: Review new Steller sea lion research results. Review proposal ranking tool report, review SSC comments, and continue development of hierarchy and rating factors. Receive proposals from the public for changes in regulations related to Steller sea lion protection measures in the pollock, Pacific cod, and Atka mackerel fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Island; conduct an initial review of those proposals.

AGENDA

August 28 – 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

- 1. Introductions and Opening Remarks, Announcements, Agenda Approval (Cotter)
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting, Report on SSC Meeting (Wilson)
- 3. Update on SSL Research University of Alaska Fairbanks, Aleutians East Borough (Wynne et al.)

NOON to 2:00 PM - Lunch Work Session: Adaptive Management Subgroup and AFSC Scientists (Gauvin et al.)

- 4. Steller Sea Lions An Archeological/Historical Perspective (Maschener)
- 5. Receive Proposals Initial Review and Discussion (All)

August 29 – 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

6. Proposal Ranking Tool Report and Work Session (Cotter, Wilson, Merritt)

August 30 - 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

- 7. Proposal Ranking Tool Work Session Continued
- 8. Action Items, Closing Remarks, Adjourn (Cotter)

Public comment periods will be provided during the meeting.

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