AI Ecosystem Team workshop

Apr 5-6, 2007   8:30-4:30
Director's conference room, AFSC, Seattle, WA

AGENDA – Discussion items

Feedback on background (chapter 3)
- Balance oceanographic, food web, seabird/marine mammal, socioeconomic discussions

Risk assessment
- On SSC recommendation, we have reorganized 3.6, 4.1 and 4.2 by interaction
- Revisit rankings and rationale for each interaction as a group – achieve consensus, also describe scale of impact clearly in each rationale
- Discuss cumulative impacts of interactions

Implications for management
- Map objectives to interactions
- Identify/write up data gaps
- Write up high risk interactions
    o Review against current management, how is risk currently addressed
    o What else could/should Council do to address risk
    o Prioritize using objectives, urgency as a guide

How does the FEP get used by the Council?
- Ecosystem Considerations chapter AI contribution
    o Need to coordinate with Jennifer Boldt
    o AI Team/subset meet over summer to develop first annual section?
    o What does this monitoring mean for the Council? Identify states of natural variability for each indicator, identify some warning scheme (if 5 indicators change beyond identified natural variability, Council should take warning – investigate)
- FEP to be updated on longer cycle (3-5 years)
    o Re-evaluate ecosystem against the 2007 baseline, look at long term trends and see how things are changing
    o Coordinate revisions to the FEP with programmatic reviews of specific FMPs (groundfish, crab, scallop)

Priorities/recommendations for Council chapter
- How else should the Council be using the FEP? Need examples for Ecosystem Committee discussion, Council
- Fraser example of using food web info in SSLMC
- Others?

Discuss ecosystem assessment?
- SSC suggested expanding risk assessment to encompass a true ecosystem assessment
- DeMaster suggested thinking about way to assess current state of ecosystem – using multivariate definition
- Is this something we want to consider for this next draft?

Developing the 'glossy' over the summer
- What are the important elements to include in the summary?
- Can be accomplished mostly by email among Team