Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum Meeting

North Pacific Research Board conference room 1007 W 3rd Ave, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK January 25, 2010 1-5pm

DRAFT Agenda 1/22/2010

Introductions

Agency briefings

- opportunity for each agency to address AMEF (max. 10 minutes)
 - o What are the principal marine ecosystem issues each agency is facing? Are there any new opportunities for coordination or collaboration? Please highlight any new activities or updates since our last meeting in June 2009.

Specific issues

- Arctic research and management actions
 - What is each agency planning or doing in the Arctic? NPRB and the US Arctic Research Commission are interested in potentially using the AMEF as a venue for coordinating with the member entities about work in the Arctic
- National Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning Framework
 - o How are the agencies responding to the national framework?
- Nomination of Alaska sites to the national system of marine protected areas
 - O Update from North Pacific Fishery Management Council and other agencies about plans to nominate sites to the national system, and evaluate the 'avoid harm' provision for existing sites
- Status of Aleutian Islands risk assessment (tentative)
 - o Gary Folley, DEC

Next steps

- Planning for AMEF tentative goals for 2010-2012
 - o revisit meeting frequency