

D-2(b) Ecosystem Committee
North Pacific Fishery Management Council motion
October 8, 2013

1. The Ecosystem Committee is tasked with further development of a vision statement for maintaining productive ecosystems and sustainable long-term fisheries that would incorporate the components described in the Committee minutes. The Committee should provide the Council with an analysis of the respective value of an ecosystem-based fishery management framework (refining our current management approach) in contrast to a more comprehensive ecosystem-based management framework that includes additional factors and considers social-ecological systems. The Committee should include an evaluation of the implications of each approach for both near-term and long-term Council actions.
2. The Council requests a history of the development of the PSEIS ecosystem-based management policy during the presentation of the PSEIS SIR.
3. The Ecosystem Committee should track the following:
 - a) Development of a PSSA designation in the AI.
 - b) Funding levels for research in the Arctic, relative to impacts to ongoing research and stock assessment work in the BSAI and GOA.
 - c) The development of the Bering Sea FEP discussion paper.
 - d) Bering Sea canyons and coral conservation issues (including revisiting the discussion of research and conservation closures following the BS canyons workshop).