EM Workgroup – Meeting Agenda

May 15, 2018: Tuesday 8:15am – 5:30pm
AFSC, Building 4, Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA
Teleconference available upon request

The Chair may choose to take oral comment from the public on each agenda item

1. Introductions, review and approve agenda (B. Tweit)

2. Fixed gear EM program
   a. Budget and funding (J. Ferdinand)
      • Coordination of funding sources
         1. ALFA NFWF (D. Falvey)
         2. Saltwater NFWF (N. Munro)
         3. NMFS (J. Ferdinand)
   b. Update on 2018 implementation
      • VMP approvals (J. Watson)
      • Video review (C. Paiva)
      • Other implementation issues (J. Ferdinand, J. Mondragon)
   c. Progress on pot gear issues
      • Identifying pot gear catch handling requirements (N. Munro)
      • Implementation of data into catch accounting system (J. Mondragon)
   d. The future of fixed gear implementation (Group)

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3. Overview of EM Workgroup cooperative approach (Diana, Elizabeth)

4. Trawl EM program
   a. Summary of ongoing work relevant to trawl (C. Rose, H. Mann, R. Christiansen)
   b. Funding
   c. Trawl monitoring objectives (Group)
   d. Workplan and timing for future EMWG meetings (Group)

5. Scheduling & Other issues

Expected outcomes from this meeting:

- Discussion of lessons learned (Passing the legacy from fixed gear to trawl)
- Workplan for trawl EM Workgroup
  - Milestones and objectives for Council approval at June 2018 meeting

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