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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 *(J. Watson)*
 - VMP approvals *(C. Paiva)*
 - Video review *(J. Ferdinand, J Mondragon)*
 - Other implementation issues
 - c. Progress on pot gear issues *(N. Munro)*
 - Identifying pot gear catch handling requirements *(J. Mondragon)*
 - Implementation of data into catch accounting system *(Group)*
 - d. The future of fixed gear implementation *(Group)*
- LUNCH**
- 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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