

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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EM Committee – Meeting Agenda

August 23-24, 2018: Thurs. 9:00am – 5:30pm, Fri. 9:00am – 5:30pm, Lunch 12:00-1:30pm (or as necessary) Location: Silver Cloud University Hotel, 5036 25th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105
Husky Room Purple & Gold

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

- 1. Introductions, review and approve agenda** *(B. Tweit)*
 - a. Update on EM Committee status and outcomes from June Council meeting *(Elizabeth)*
- 2. Presentation about seabirds** *(S. Fitzgerald)*
- 3. AKR Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan – Interim Update** *(J. Watson, A. Miller)*
- 4. Trawl EM program**
 - a. Updates for ongoing work relevant to trawl *(TBD)*
 - b. Funding updates *(Group)*
 - c. Regulatory comparison of whiting and pollock fisheries-discussion *(Elizabeth)*
- 5. Review EM Workgroup cooperative approach (agreed upon in May)** *(Elizabeth)*
 - a. Discuss Cooperative Research Outline document (sent prior to meeting) *(Group)*
 - b. Discuss how ongoing projects relate to cooperative research approach *(Group)*
 - c. Discuss how trawl EM development may differ (or not) from fixed gear *(Group)*
- 6. Cooperative workplan development** *(Elizabeth)*
 - a. Discuss trawl monitoring objectives (compliance first) *(Elizabeth)*
 - b. Draft cooperative research plan for 2019 *(Group)*
 - c. Draft funding development strategy *(Group)*
 - d. Annual flow of information *(Group)*
 - e. Timing for future EMWG meetings *(Group)*
- 7. Scheduling & Other issues**

Expected outcomes from this meeting:

- *Draft Workplan for trawl EM Workgroup*
 - *Cooperative research plan*
 - *Funding development strategy*
 - *Annual flow of information*
 - *Timeline*

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