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
Teleconference number: (907) 271-2896
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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