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Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (Committee) will meet via teleconference on May 31, 2012 from 9-11 AM Alaska Standard Time. This is the first meeting of the reconstituted Committee. The purpose of this meeting is to organize the Committee and to develop a strategy and timeline to achieve the Committee's objective to develop an alternative or alternatives for consideration in the Environmental Impact Statement for Steller sea lion mitigation measures in the western and central Aleutian Islands.

Agenda

- I. Identify purpose of the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee – Cotter
- II. Identify organizational structure of SSLMC
 - a. Meeting format – formal or informal organization
 - b. Opportunities for public input/comment
- III. Schedule for future meetings
 - a. EIS scoping period
 - b. June 14, 15 in Juneau
 - i. EIS / ESA requirements & other legal issues – Lepore
 - ii. 2010 BiOp – DeMaster
 - iii. "Getting Smart" – What new information does the Committee want to hear about?
 1. What papers?
 2. What presenters?
- IV. Remaining schedule

It is likely that the Committee will meet monthly from June – November, 2012. Proposed dates for meetings are:

- June 14-15 in Juneau
- July 10-11 in Seattle
- August 7-8 location TBD
- September 11-12 location TBD
- October 17-18 location TBD
- November 14-16 location TBD