

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## **BERING SEA CANYONS PUBLIC WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 3, 2014 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM RENAISSANCE HOTEL, NORTHWEST ROOM SEATTLE, WA**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

This workshop is intended to meet the objectives of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, as identified in their June 10, 2013 motion. Specifically the objectives of this workshop are to review output of the AFSC model run with additional data, facilitate discussion between AFSC and stakeholders to discuss possibilities for collaboration in order to survey areas of coral abundance, and to identify and develop tools for coral impact reduction. The results of this workshop will be presented to the Council in a discussion paper at a future Council meeting.

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| 12:30 | <b>Introduction</b> – Objectives of workshop  |   |
| 12:45 | <b>Bering Sea Canyons</b> – AFSC Response to Council’s June, 2013 motion  | <i>Mike Sigler &amp;<br/>Chris Rooper</i>   |
| 1:45  | <b>Deep Sea Corals Update</b> – Update on ongoing fieldwork   | <i>Chris Rooper</i>                         |
| 2:00  | <b>Previous impact reduction research</b>   |   |
| 2:45  | <b>Break</b>  |   |
| 3:00  | <b>Collaborative Research and tools</b>   |   |
|       | Questions:  |   |
|       | 1. What are objectives? What information does this provide to help manage habitat along the Bering Sea slope and canyons? |   |
|       | 2. How does project build upon what is already known about Bering Sea slope and canyons?                                  |   |
|       | Proposed collaborative research in BS Canyons   | <i>Mike Sigler &amp;<br/>Merrick Burden</i> |
|       | Discussion on additional opportunities for collaboration and tools to reduce impact to corals                             | <i>Attendees</i>                            |
| 5:30  | <b>Adjourn</b>  |   |