Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, April 7, 2009  1 - 5pm
Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK

1. EFH 5-year review
   • Review of conclusions from EFH summary report:
     • EFH descriptions for each FMP-managed species (5 FMPs: BSAI and GOA groundfish, BSAI crab, Scallop, Salmon)
     • Evaluation of fishing impacts
     • conservation and enhancement recommendations for non-fishing threats to EFH
     • research priorities for EFH
   • Recommendations for Council action:
     • Should amendments be initiated to update FMPs
     • Are further evaluations of elements of EFH review necessary?
     • Should any new conservation measures be considered to mitigate adverse effects of fishing?
     • Are there new directions indicated for EFH research in the next 5 years?

   Especially Chapter 14 of EFH report

2. HAPC process
   • Review of HAPC priorities that have previously been raised or have come up during EFH 5-year review
   • Recommendations for Council action:
     • Should Council set HAPC priorities and initiate a HAPC proposal process?
     • If so, what should priorities be?
     • Any comments on the draft RFP

   Materials: Chapter 12 of the EFH Review Summary Report, action memo

3. AI Ecosystem Team terms of reference
   • Review draft terms of reference for adoption

4. Update on Northern Bering Sea Research Area Research Plan