



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council Ecosystem Committee AGENDA 2 October 2018 1-5 PM

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Ecosystem Committee will meet on Tuesday October 2, 2018 at the Hilton Hotel (Birch/Willow Room) in Anchorage, AK. The meeting will take place from 1 to 5 PM. Teleconference will be available at (907) 271-2896. Written comment will be accepted by emailing comment to steve.macleam@noaa.gov by 12:00 PM on Friday September 28, 2018. Oral public testimony will be accepted at the discretion of the co-chairmen.

I. Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan 3 Hours

Diana Evans (Council staff) and Dr. Kerim Aydin (AFSC) will present the initial review draft of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan. The BS FEP establishes a framework for the Council's continued progress towards ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM) of the Bering Sea fisheries, and relies and builds on the Council's existing processes, advisory groups, and management practice. The Core FEP document identifies management goals and objectives for the FEP and for monitoring of the Bering Sea ecosystem and describes how the FEP framework will support research projects (Action Modules) to address Council priorities. The FEP offers a framework for strengthening trust, transparency, and a sense of shared investment among managers, scientists, and stakeholders. The FEP was prepared by the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team, which is an interagency group of Council, NMFS, and other Federal, State, and IPHC staff with contributions from other Council and NMFS staff.

The ecosystem committee has reviewed and commented on previous drafts of the BS FEP. At this meeting the committee will again review the FEP and the revisions made by the FEP Team to address the comments and concerns of the committee. The committee will provide their review and recommendations to the Council for their consideration when they determine the next steps for preparation of the BS FEP.