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## Action Memo

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**Eric Olson, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
Steller Sea Lion

**ESTIMATED TIME:**  
6 hours

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Receive report on Final Biological Opinion for Steller sea lion mitigation measures

### BACKGROUND

On April 2, 2014 NMFS released the Final Biological Opinion (BiOp) for authorization of the Alaska groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands under the proposed revised Steller sea lion protection measures. NMFS concluded that the proposed action was not likely to cause jeopardy to the Western DPS of Steller sea lions or cause adverse modification to its critical habitat.

At this meeting staff from NMFS Protected Resources Division will present the findings of the BiOp and report on the status for completion of the associated EIS.