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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Scallop SAFE: Plan Team report and OFL/ABC specifications.

ESTIMATED TIME:

2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:

Rreview Scallop SAFE report and approve catch specifications

BACKGROUND:

The Scallop Plan Team met in Homer on February 25-26, 2014 to review the status of the weathervane scallop stocks in Alaska, to prepare the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report and to recommend an acceptable biological catch (ABC) level to meet Annual Catch Limit (ACL) requirements. The SAFE report was mailed to you on March 31st. The report from the Scallop Plan Team meeting is attached and includes discussions of a number of topics from the meeting that are not included in the SAFE report itself. The SAFE report provides an overview of scallop management, scallop harvests and the status of the regional weathervane scallop stocks. Scallop stocks are neither overfished nor approaching an overfished condition.

Please note the letter from Representative Paul Seaton attached to the Scallop Plan Team report requesting review of permit consolidation. The Scallop Plan Team did not address it as it is more appropriate for Council consideration.