


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver   
Executive Director

DATE: December 1, 2010

SUBJECT: Staff Tasking

ESTIMATED TIME 4 HOURS
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**ACTION REQUIRED**

Review tasking and committees and provide direction  
Receive report on charter halibut permit leasing and provide direction

**BACKGROUND**

Committees and Tasking

The list of Council committees is attached as Item D-2(a). In October, the Chairman indicated that at some point he would like to review the committees with the Council to determine which committees could be dissolved, and which should be retained. You also have some committee appointments pending.

An updated work plan for implementing the programmatic groundfish management policy is attached as Item D-2(b). Item D-2(c) is the three meeting outlook and Item D-2(d) provides a summary of current projects and tasking. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

Charter Halibut Permit Leasing

In April 2010 the Council requested a discussion paper on a range of proposed alternatives to limit leasing of charter halibut limited entry permits (LEPs) (Item D-2(e)(1)). Council members commented that the program did not appear to be implemented according to Council intent. NMFS implemented the provisions that the Council adopted to deter leasing, knowing the Council did not develop management measures to prohibit leasing as stated in its March 2007 preferred alternative (Item D-2(e)(2)). An interagency staff group has reviewed this issue and the Council's April 2010 motion. An interagency staff discussion paper will be distributed during the meeting, which will comment on the proposed alternatives and identify an alternate approach to provide a further deterrent to leasing for Council consideration.

D-2 supplemental comments received relative to this agenda item.