

Ecosystem Workshop Steering Group membership

Following direction from the Ecosystem Committee and the Ecosystem Workshop steering group, staff have contacted several individuals from the Gulf of Alaska and Southeast Alaska to gauge their interest and willingness to serve on the steering group. No responses have yet been received. Staff continues to work to identify and talk with potential working group members. The committee and working group will be informed when interested individuals are identified.

Ecosystem Agenda prioritization and timing

Following direction from the Ecosystem Committee, the chair and Council staff reviewed the list of potential agenda topics to prioritize a list for committee consideration.

- Northern fur seal co-management – Proposed or June or October meeting to avoid additional travel costs to Seattle or Portland. Staff has asked co-managers for preferred timing and will report to the committee when a response is received. NMFS management office does not express a preference, but travel budgets may be restricted precluding attending in Seattle or Portland.
- Marine Mammal status including NFS research – February to minimize travel costs for Science Center. Include updates on northern fur seal research, especially Lenfest project. Staff will keep track of other marine mammal issues and present them to the committee as warranted.
- Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Schedule regular progress reports for June or October, and more frequently if appropriate or necessary.
- EFH updates – Species Distribution Model review in October. Specific question is a summary about what is new in new SDMs compared to 2017 SDMs? What is causing differences, if any, in the output (new data or new treatment of same data?) Fishing Effects model update in Feb 2022. Review summary report in June 2022. Initial Review (t) in October 2022. Final Review (t) in December 2022.
- Ecosystem Based Management workgroup – request update for February
- Marine Debris – NOAA and USFWS working on joint report on marine debris in the northern Bering Sea. Request update from NOAA/FWS group in October or December.
- 30x30 – Report on Other Effective Conservation Measures for the Council in October. Schedule review by committee in October.
- Gulf of Alaska climate change and coastwide issues – Request ECO subgroup to consider GOA and coastwide issues that the committee could address. Propose working over the summer to identify opportunities for committee engagement and report to the committee in December.

June 2021	October 2021	December 2021	February 2022
NFS co-management (t)	NFS co-management (t)	GOA climate change	Marine mammal updates
BSFEP updates	BSFEP updates	Coast-wide issues (forage fish)	EBFM Workgroup
	EFH SDM descriptions		EFH FE model update
	30x30 OECM paper		
	Marine Debris (t)	Marine Debris (t)	