



D3 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Action Modules—Progress Report

February 2020 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required: Receive reports and review workplans for:
1. Climate Change Taskforce
2. Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce

BACKGROUND

At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to receive a progress report on the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Action Modules. The Council adopted the Bering Sea FEP at its December 2018 meeting, which establishes a framework for the Council's continued progress towards ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM) of the Bering Sea fisheries and relies and builds upon the Council's existing processes, advisory groups, and management practices. In December 2018, the Council adopted five Action Modules and initiated work on two of them: 1) Effects of Climate Change and 2) Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence. At that time, the Council began the process of using the BS FEP framework and its Action modules to focus the Council's existing policy of and progress with EBFM.

Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce

The Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce met via teleconference on January 21st, 2020 to review existing regional climate initiatives as well as research and on-going modelling efforts, discuss and establish Taskforce objectives and the elements and timing of work required to meet the identified objectives, and develop a public outreach plan.

Bering Sea FEP Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce

The Bering Sea FEP Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce met from January 16-17th, 2020 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage to discuss and establish Taskforce objectives and develop prioritized next steps to meet these objectives, establish ground rules for future Taskforce work, and develop a public outreach plan.