



D2 Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Protocol

April 2023 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Other Presenters: Dr. Sarah Wise (AFSC)
Action Required:

1. Review finalized Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, Subsistence Protocol and onramp recommendations, and take action as necessary
2. Receive Taskforce meeting reports

BACKGROUND

Under this agenda item, the Council will review a finalized draft of the Local Knowledge (LK), Traditional Knowledge (TK), and Subsistence (collectively LKTKS) Protocol and related onramp recommendations developed by the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan LKTKS Taskforce. The LKTKS Protocol and onramp recommendations provide information for identifying, analyzing, and incorporating LK, TK, and subsistence information into the Council's decision-making process.

There are several potential actions before the Council at this meeting. Because the Taskforce is presenting finalized materials, the Council could:

- a) Take no action.
- b) Adopt the LKTKS Protocol and/or initiate work on a single or multiple onramp recommendations.
- c) Release the LKTKS Protocol and onramp recommendations presented at this meeting for an extended public comment period, to allow for additional public input and Council consideration of these finalized materials.

The Council will also receive a presentation on the Taskforce's recent meeting reports, which include recommendations for the Council to consider moving forward with this work. The Taskforce's three most recent meetings occurred in December 2022, January 2023, and March 2023.