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## Action Memo

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**Dan Hull, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
EFH 5-year Review update (SSC only)

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Review and comment on plans for EFH 5-year update.

**BACKGROUND:**  
The National Marine Fisheries Service and NPFMC have initiated a 5-year review of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) in Alaska in accordance with the EFH guidelines. The last 5-year review was completed in 2010. In April 2014, the Council was presented with a proposed approach to undertake the 2015 EFH 5-year review, evaluate and synthesize new information on habitat, and determine whether changes to the FMPs are warranted. The approach identified three primary areas of particular focus: the EFH description methods, the fishing effects model, and non-fishing effects. At this meeting, staff will present initial work results to the SSC.