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Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Review National Standard 1 Guidelines (SSC only)

ACTION REQUIRED:

Review Proposed Revisions to NS Guidelines

BACKGROUND:

On January 20, NMFS published a proposed rule to revise national standard guidelines. Wes Patrick from NMFS headquarters will be on hand to give presentations to the SSC and Council on the proposed revisions. Comments on the proposed rule are due June 30.

A working group consisting of AKRO, AFSC, and Council staff met several times to review the proposed revisions to the national standards guidelines, so as to assist the SSC and Council with preparing comments on the proposed rule. Wes's presentations on the proposed rule will be followed by a report from the working group, which identifies potential issues to be addressed. The report of the working group, the proposed rule, and the redline document are attached.

At this meeting, the SSC will begin its review of the proposed revisions. In June, the SSC will complete its review and recommendations to the Council, to assist the Council with developing a comment letter on the proposed revisions.