**Ecosystem Committee**

AGENDA

March 31, 2020

Teleconference: (907) 245-3900 PIN 2809

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1. Introductions

The Ecosystem Committee will meet to receive a presentation from northern fur seal co-management partners, review EFH non-fishing consultations conducted in 2019, and consider proposed methods for the 2022 review of Essential Fish Habitat in the Council’s FMPs.

1. Northern Fur Seal Co-Management 1.5 Hrs

Presentations from Aleut Community of St. Paul Island and NMFS. Committee questions and discussion.

1. Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Update 1 Hr

Update from the BS FEP Team meeting

1. Essential Fish Habitat Consultations 2019 0.5 Hr

Summary of consultations that NMFS AKR HCD has undertaken in 2019 and summary of known projects for 2020 that may involve consultation

1. Council involvement in non-fishing EFH consultations 2 hrs

Committee review of the CCC Habitat Work Group recommendations for Council involvement in non-fishing EFH consultations. [Recommendations from the HWG](http://meetings.npfmc.org/CommentReview/DownloadFile?p=4f605461-74a3-429e-8f20-10a9577fd678.pdf&fileName=CCC-HWG_2019_EFH%20Consultation%20Workshop%20Report_final.pdf) were presented to the committee in January 2020. Committee will discuss recommendations and provide advice to the Council on which recommendations should be implemented by the NPFMC.

1. Proposed considerations for 2022 EFH review and revision 2.5 hrs

Committee review of the proposed methods for the upcoming 2022 review and potential revision to EFH in the Council’s FMPs. The 2017 review involved a major revision to develop species distribution models to predict habitat for the Council’s managed species. For 2022, changes to the modeling methods are proposed that may result in some changes to EFH descriptions for some species. Changes to other EFH components may not be necessary at this time.

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