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SUBJECT:
Staff Tasking

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ACTION REQUIRED:
Review tasking and committees and provide direction.

BACKGROUND:

Committees and Tasking

Attached is the list of Council committees, the three meeting outlook, an updated work plan for implementing the programmatic groundfish management policy, an updated project and staff workload table, and an updated table of projects associated with the Observer Program. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

In June, there was a discussion about potentially revising the functions of the Rural Outreach Committee, under direction of its new chair Simon Kinneen. The committee was convened in June 2009, and was tasked by the Council with three objectives:

- 1) To advise the Council on how to provide opportunities for better understanding and participation from Alaska Native and rural communities;
- 2) To provide feedback on community impacts sections of specific analyses, if requested; and
- 3) To provide recommendations regarding which proposed Council actions need a specific outreach plan and prioritize multiple actions, when necessary.

A summary of committee activities is attached. To date, the committee has mainly assisted with developing outreach plans for salmon bycatch. The Council may wish to discuss the appropriate roles for this committee and development of a Terms of Reference. Should the role be expanded to include general communications, in-the-field outreach, or some other approach? Could the committee's role be to provide feedback to rural communities, plus new aspects of outreach and education for rural stakeholders? The Council may wish to reconstitute this committee with new membership to reflect changes in the roles or direction of this committee.

The Council may also wish to discuss membership and tasking for other committees. With the recent appointment of Andy Mezirow as chair of the Recreational Quota Entity Committee and the Charter Implementation Committee (following the departure of Ed Dersham), the Council may wish to call for nominations to fill the vacancy on these two committees. The Council may also wish to call for nominations to fill a vacancy on the Bering Sea Crab Advisory Committee (to replace Frank Kelty), and solicit a name from the observer provider for the partial coverage contract, A.I.S., for a seat on the Observer Advisory Committee.

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Other changes to committees since the last meeting include appointment of Beth Concepcion to the NPFMC's Observer Advisory Committee (replacing Todd Loomis), and Rose Fosdick to the NPFMC's Ecosystem Committee (replacing Tim Towarak), and Art Nelson to the Advisory Panel through December (replacing Becca Robbins Gisclair). Dan Donich has been appointed to fill Andy Mezirow's spot on the Advisory Panel through December. Because Andy's term extended through December 2016, the Council will solicit names for the remainder of the term for this seat as part of the annual process for AP appointments.