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Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

GOA and BSAI Salmon Bycatch Genetics Update

ESTIMATED TIME:

1 hour

ACTION REQUIRED: Receive Reports

BACKGROUND:

Annually scientists from the Auke Bay Laboratory (NOAA) report to the Council on the genetic samples and stock composition of salmon species taken in groundfish (primarily pollock trawl) fisheries in the GOA and BSAI (Chinook salmon in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska and Chum salmon in the Bering Sea). Annual reports for stock composition from samples taken in the Bering Sea pollock fishery for Chinook salmon and Chum salmon are attached as is a report on the stock composition of samples from the GOA pollock fishery for Chinook salmon. Also included is a report on samples taken from the GOA rockfish and Arrowtooth flounder fisheries and samples from a salmon excluder EFP in the GOA for stock compositions estimates from these samples. Scientists from the Auke Bay Lab will be available to provide presentations of the most recent results