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SUBJECT:
Groundfish Management Policy and Workplan Review

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ACTION REQUIRED:
Review Groundfish Management Policy and Workplan

BACKGROUND:

Implementation of the Council's Groundfish Management Policy amended the BSAI and GOA Groundfish FMPs to establish a management approach statement, nine policy goals and 45 management objectives. While modification to any of these would require an FMP amendment, annual review is mandated by the FMP. In 2015, a supplemental information report (SIR) was approved that evaluated the need for a new supplemental NEPA analysis. The conclusion of the SIR was that the 2004 PSEIS and its associated management policy continue to support and characterize the impacts of the Council's groundfish management actions.

At this Council meeting, the Council will review management priorities and objectives in light of recent, current, pending, and ongoing activity under the groundfish FMPs. In response to that review, the Council may or may not wish to recommend modification to the objectives themselves. Alternatively, the Council could identify specific action items related to objectives that it feels are needed to more completely implement the Groundfish Management Policy. The attachments included under this agenda item (background document, table of management objectives, groundfish workplan) are intended to aid in the discussion of potential modifications to the Council's suite of activities, as desired. The background document provides a brief overview of the development of the management policy. The table of management objectives and expanded groundfish workplan include all 45 management objectives as well as the Council's activities related to those objectives. The Council may wish to review those activities and discuss the degree to which objectives are being adequately addressed.