# **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**

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# E Staff Tasking

December 2019 Council Meeting

#### **Action Memo**

Council Staff: David Witherell, Diana Evans

Action Required: 1. Review Committees / Meetings

2. Provide direction on tasking and scheduling

#### **BACKGROUND**

### **Committees / Meetings**

Attached is the updated Council committee list reflecting Council changes in October 2019.

At the end of this agenda item, the Chairman will announce 2020 appointments to the **Advisory Panel** and the **Scientific and Statistical Committee**. A call for nominations was included in the October 2019 newsletter for these advisory bodies. Advisory Panel members will serve three-year terms, and SSC members one-year terms.

Committee and Plan Team meetings that are currently anticipated between December 2019 and February 2020 include:

- Crab Plan Team, January 13-17, Kodiak, AK
- Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Action Module Taskforce, Jan 13-15, Mountaineers Club, Seattle, WA
- Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan LK/TK/Subsistence Action Module Taskforce, Jan 16-17, Anchorage, AK

#### Reports from committees and workshops

The **Community Engagement Committee** (CEC) meets on December 2, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to begin to review and prioritize CEC recommendations to date on ideas and opportunities to continue to improve engagement. The Committee Report will be attached once available.

#### Tasking and Scheduling

Attached are various tasking documents. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

- Three-meeting outlook
- Council staff responsibilities
- Groundfish workplan update
- Status of IFQ projects

While the Council generally reviews the status of Observer Program projects as well during this agenda item, this review is deferred until February 2020 for staff to reevaluate priorities based on the Council's direction in October 2019 to prioritize partial coverage efficiency work.

## February Council meeting

Looking ahead to the February 2020 Council meeting, which begins a week early on January 27<sup>th</sup>, we caution the Council that it will be very difficult to complete staff work on any additional items for February beyond those already planned for on the three meeting outlook.

#### **Public comment**

The public comment letters submitted for your review and consideration are linked to the agenda.