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Action Memo

Staff: Diana Stram
Action Required: Receive Halibut Stakeholder Committee Report, action as necessary

BACKGROUND

The Halibut ABM Stakeholder Committee was formed to provide the Council with recommendations for the scenarios to be analyzed in the upcoming halibut abundance-based management PSC limit analysis. Prior to April, the Committee may also provide recommendations on measurable objectives and associated performance metrics to be considered by analysts in evaluating trade-offs among alternatives. A teleconference was held by the Committee in November to provide guidance on the role of the Committee's recommendations for scenarios to be submitted. Since then multiple scenarios have been submitted for consideration at the Committee meeting February 4th. These submissions as well as other items of interest and information requests of staff since November are all posted to the Committee's agenda. The Committee will meet to consider which scenarios to recommend to the Council for inclusion in the analysis February 4th with a report to the Council to follow.

The current timeline for this analysis is for initial review in October 2019. An update on the progress and proposed outputs from the halibut operating model for use in evaluating trade-offs among alternatives is scheduled for the April meeting.