



# **D3 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan, Action Modules, and Ecosystem Committee Report**

February 2021 Council Meeting

## **Action Memo**

- Council Staff: Diana Evans, Dr. Diana Stram, Dr. Kate Haapala, and Steve MacLean
- Other Presenters: Dr. Kerim Aydin, Dr. Kirstin Holsman, Dr. Sarah Wise (all AFSC)
- Action Required:
1. Review Bering Sea FEP Plan Team report, Climate Change Taskforce work plan, LKTKS Taskforce update, and Ecosystem Committee report
  2. Provide feedback and make recommendations as necessary

## **BACKGROUND**

At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to review the Bering Sea FEP Plan Team report, the Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) workplan, an update from the Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge and Subsistence (LKTKS) Taskforce, and a report from the Ecosystem Committee.

Bering Sea FEP Plan Team: The BS FEP Team met in Seattle in March 2020, but their report to the Council was postponed due to schedule changes associated with the pandemic. The Team report is attached to the eAgenda. Much of the meeting focused on progress with the BS FEP action modules, and the Team's input has already been incorporated into the Taskforces' ongoing work. The FEP Team Co-Chairs will provide a brief update on other ongoing BS FEP projects, and future plans.

### Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce:

The CCTF met virtually from December 14-16, 2020 to develop and finalize its work plan. The CCTF report and work plan are attached to the eAgenda. The CCTF Co-Chairs will provide a brief update on the work plan and other ongoing work. The Taskforce is looking for the Council to approve the workplan, if appropriate.

### Bering Sea FEP LKTKS Taskforce:

The LKTKS Taskforce met virtually November 9 and 10, 2020, and the report is attached to the eAgenda. The LKTKS Taskforce Co-chairs will provide a short update to the Council on its work throughout 2020 including the completed work plan and glossary of terms, as well as progress and protocol development.

### Ecosystem Committee:

The Ecosystem Committee received updates from the Bering Sea FEP Team and the Climate Change Taskforce on progress in 2020. The Ecosystem Committee report on the FEP and CCTF reports will be presented during the D3 agenda item.