

Draft Recommendations for Bering Sea FEP Goals and Objectives

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FEP goal statement

- 1) Implement the Council's Ecosystem Vision Statement by providing a framework for considering policy options and associated opportunities, risks, and trade-offs as they affect FMP species and the broader Bering Sea ecosystem.

FEP objectives

- 1) Synthesize current scientific understanding of Bering Sea ecosystem processes and status, including fisheries and subsistence use, to inform fishery management. This synthesis should include social and economic considerations, and incorporate traditional and local knowledge.
- 2) Create measurable indices for assessing the health and productivity of the Bering Sea ecosystem, including its fisheries and fishing communities.
- 3) Review and evaluate the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of fishery management actions on the Bering Sea ecosystem (shelf, slope and canyons) to provide a baseline for evaluation of future council actions.
- 4) Provide a mechanism for incorporating new sources of ecosystem information into Council processes.
- 5) Communicate to the public the Council's vision for a healthy Bering Sea ecosystem and sustainable fisheries, and the science and management strategies to achieve that vision.