



D5 Marine Mammal Status Update

February 2021 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Steve MacLean

Other Presenters: Dr. John Bengtson (AFSC Marine Mammal Lab.), Dr. Jeremy Sterling (AFSC Marine Mammal Lab.), Michael Williams (NMFS AKR PRD), Dr. Lauren Divine (Aleut Community of St. Paul Island)

Action Required: 1. Receive report – SSC only

BACKGROUND

In December 2017, the SSC requested that NMFS provide updates on marine mammals for which there are conservation concerns or for which there are unusual or unexpected results from surveys or other research activities. Staff from the AFSC Marine Mammal Laboratory, NMFS AKR, and a co-manager from the Aleut Community of St. Paul are present to provide information about marine mammal conservation status and activities in Alaska.