



Considerations for a Gulf of Alaska Fishery Ecosystem Plan

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The Council recommends the Ecosystem Committee begin collecting information to inform the initial steps for potential development of a GOA Fishery Ecosystem Plan, or similar tool. The Council requests the Committee to identify:

- the series of decision points for the Council, primarily the value an FEP might serve in the GOA;
- lessons learned during development of the BS FEP;
- whether the FEP Team and action module/taskforce format should be continued, and if so, would modifications be useful to streamline the process;
- the timing to intersect with ongoing projects such as GOA CLIM; and
- the question of staff, resources, and opportunities for partnerships or synergies, particularly if effort would be redirected from the Bering Sea.

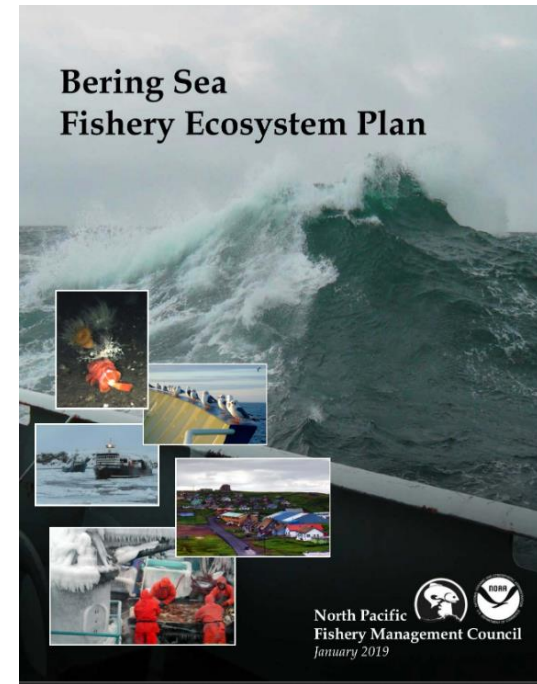
The resulting information would be available for Council consideration, should it decide to initiate scoping for a GOA FEP or similar process.



Lessons learned from the Bering Sea on:

- Scoping for FEPs
- Composition and role of FEP Team
- Core FEP, action modules and function of task forces

P1-3



Considerations for next steps

- Tradeoffs between further progress on the 3 BS FEP action modules which have not been initiated, or developing a GOA FEP
- Value of core FEP document and is it needed in order to accomplish goals of action modules
- What are the key priorities for the GOA? How integrated are they?
- Who are the key stakeholders specific to those priorities, and is a FEP useful to move those forward?
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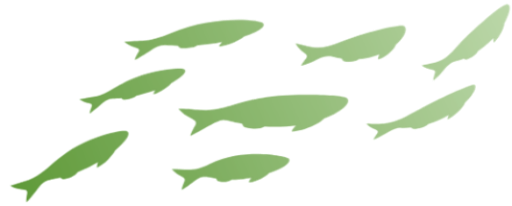


Discussion and action for the Committee

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Questions?

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