North Pacific Fishery Management Council

D6 BS FEP Climate Change Taskforce
Climate Readiness Synthesis Report (SSC only)
February 2023 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required:	1. SSC review of Climate Readiness Synthesis Report
	2. SSC direction and recommendations, as appropriate

BACKGROUND

Climate Readiness Synthesis report

The Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) has compiled a draft Climate Readiness Synthesis (CRS) as a starting point for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in ascertaining how "climate ready" the current management system is overall and to assist in augmenting existing management for improved climate resilience. This synthesis aims to understand the current state of "climate readiness', meaning whether management tools, assessments, and information on-ramps are designed to address and consider long-term climate change and the unprecedented conditions and unique challenges that it presents (in contrast to addressing natural *climate variability*). Importantly, this synthesis does not evaluate management effectiveness.

Due to time constraints, the SSC was unable to provide an in-depth review of the draft CRS when it was presented at the October meeting and therefore will review the CRS at this meeting. Note only minor formatting and non-substantive clarifications have been changed since the version posted to the eAgenda for the October meeting. Following review and comment by the SSC at this meeting, the CCTF will revise the draft CRS and present to the Council for their consideration and adoption as a subsequent meeting. For reference, the AP and Council reviewed the draft CRS in October, and the Council's October 2022 motion is posted to the eAgenda for this meeting. The minutes from the CCTF September 2022 meeting are also available online, for reference.