

E2 Ecosystem Committee Report

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Agenda

The Ecosystem Committee met in person and virtually for a full-day meeting on May 8. Discussion topics included:

1. Groundfish Management Policy Review document (June item E1)
2. Climate Resilience Work Plan update and Discussion Paper on Development of Alternative Harvest Control Rules (June item E2)



**E2: Climate Resilience Work Plan update and Discussion Paper on
Development of Alternative Harvest Control Rules**



Climate Resilience Work Plan

- The Ecosystem Committee received an update on the Climate Resilience Work Plan and tracking tool.
- **The EC did not have specific feedback at this time.**



Development of Alternative Harvest Control Rules

Discussion topic 1: Development of objectives for modified HCRs in order to evaluate their performance (Section 4.3)

- **The EC supported the objectives provided in the discussion paper and recognized the Council is building on a strong foundation through the current harvest specifications process.**
- **EC members were interested to know when the public would be able provide input on objectives and performance metrics for particular stocks**, recognizing some objectives may be more important for certain species and stocks (e.g., age structure as an objective for long-lived species).



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Discussion topic 2: Effective communication and public engagement related to potential HCR modifications

- Further simplification is needed to communicate both 1) the current system to set harvest specifications, and 2) the reasons for considering an approach that can better incorporate ecosystem effects on a stock.



Development of Alternative Harvest Control Rules

Discussion topic 2: effective communication and public engagement related to potential HCR modifications

- **The EC recommended making information about the harvest specifications process and the incorporation of uncertainty more publicly accessible and available on the Council website, and requested use of the Council's Inflation Reduction Act funding to support additional public-facing outreach products such as short 1-2 page flyers.**
- **The EC recommended they have a role in review and refinement to help products be in a form that the public understands.**

