


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver 
Executive Director

DATE: May 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Staff Tasking

ESTIMATED TIME 4 HOURS

ACTION REQUIRED

Review tasking and committees and provide direction.

BACKGROUND

Committees and Tasking

The list of Council committees is attached as **Item D-2(a)(1)**. An updated work plan for implementing the programmatic groundfish management policy is attached as **Item D-2(a)(2)**. **Item D-2(a)(3)** is the three meeting outlook and **Item D-2(a)(4)** provides a summary of current projects and tasking. The Council may wish to discuss priorities for completing ongoing projects, as well as any new tasks assigned during the course of this meeting.

We also received a request (attached) from the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council requesting that the Council once again consider nominations for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC). In my response letter (attached), I agreed to pose the question of reopening HAPC nominations and reinitiating the HAPC process to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in June during staff tasking. The Council may wish to respond to this request. In October, the Council is scheduled to make initial review of the analysis for HAPC areas of skate egg deposition that resulted from the 2010 HAPC nomination process. The HAPC process is scheduled to occur every 5 years to coincide with EFH 5-year reviews, but does not preclude the Council from designating HAPC priorities out of cycle when appropriate.