

D-3 Council motion
Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) Workplan
February 10, 2021

The Council supports the goal of the Climate Change Module as developed by the CCTF: *to facilitate the Council's work towards climate-ready fisheries management that helps ensure both short- and long-term resilience for the Bering Sea*. The Council also approves the three objectives/steps from the draft workplan. The Council's existing public process incorporates extensive, primarily near-term, ecosystem and climate information in decision-making. The CCTF workplan should focus on how to incorporate long-term trend information from a diverse knowledge base into our existing processes, assisting the Council in maintaining sustainable fisheries in a changing climate.

The Council approves the CCTF workplan after the following revisions to incorporate: 1) regular check-ins with the SSC and Council, including prior to using resulting work products in existing Council processes; 2) a list of deliverables that relate to the module's objectives/steps and the taskforce's remaining timeframe (2021 - 2025); 3) identification of NMFS and/or Council groups proposed to take on ongoing maintenance of new climate information once the work of the CCTF is complete; and 4) input provided by the Ecosystem Committee intended to simplify and increase readability of the workplan.

The Council is cognizant of the multiple tools developed and in development in recent years to assess the impacts of climate change on our ecosystems and species. The Council recommends the FEP Team review the CCTF workplan when revised and work with the CCTF to review the list of existing and newly proposed deliverables related to ecosystem and climate information to focus and/or consolidate products where appropriate to make them more accessible:

Economic and Social Profiles (ESPs) (existing)

Ecosystem Status Reports (ESRs) (existing)

Risk Table (existing)

Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (BS FEP) (existing)

Climate Impacts Update for contribution to ESR, proposed annually by CCTF (new)

Ecosystem Health Report Card (EHRC), proposed by the FEP Team (new)

EBS Climate Change and Fisheries Report, proposed biennially by CCTF (new)

Any additional CCTF products not listed