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Action Memo

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John Henderschedt, Acting Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Ecosystem Committee Report

ESTIMATED TIME:
4 hours for all D items

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review Committee report, action as necessary

BACKGROUND

The Council's Ecosystem Committee met on September 16, 2014, to discuss the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (agenda item D4), the Ecosystem Vision Statement action plan, progress on the 2015 EFH 5-year review, and updates on other issues. Minutes are attached.

The Committee recommended the Council consider four actions that could give effect the Council's vision statement in the near term: continue with development of the FEP, revise the groundfish workplan, plan a Council discussion with the NPRB and AFSC, and re-engage with the Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum. With respect to the EFH 5-year review, the Committee recommends that the timeline for the review be extended in order to accommodate incorporating new data sources into the fishing effects model. The Committee also recommended that the models that are being used to redefine EFH descriptions and non-fishing effects should be reviewed by the SSC and groundtruthed with field data before they are used in the review.