

Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda *updated 1/25/2013*

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 8:30am – 12:30pm
Benson Hotel, Portland, OR

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1. Bristol Bay Red King Crab discussion paper

- Review updated discussion paper and provide recommendations to the Council, as appropriate

Discussion paper will be available on Council website the week before the meeting.

2. AI risk assessment briefing

Report available at:

http://www.aleutiansriskassessment.com/documents/110826AIRA_SummaryReportvFINALr.pdf

3. Deep Sea Corals

- Briefing on National Strategic Plan

Report available at: http://coris.noaa.gov/activities/deepsea_coral/

- Update on first year of Alaska Coral and Sponge Initiative research (2012-2015 research plan)

Briefing available on Council homepage at: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

- Update on ESA listing petition

Petition and NMFS' response available at:

<http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/coral/default.htm>

4. Norton Sound mining operations and EFH implications for red king crab

- Briefing from NMFS habitat division, recommendations to the Council as appropriate

5. Discussion about ecosystem-based management planning

- Preparation for and follow up to Managing our Nation's Fisheries conference

Briefing paper available at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/managing-our-nation-s-fisheries-3/custom-17-94ddf325198f4501996ccc62aa396aa2.aspx>

- Report on Ecosystem SAFE and ecosystem modeling efforts (S. Zador)

Ecosystem SAFE available at:

<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/REFM/Docs/2012/ecosystem.pdf>

- Briefing on NOAA Ecosystem Science and Management Working Group study on ecosystem-based fishery management best practices within NMFS (D Fluharty)