Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

Thursday, February 3, 2011 9am - noon James Room, Renaissance Madison Hotel, Seattle, WA

1. EFH omnibus amendments

- Initial review of EA implementing technical amendments from EFH 5-year report
- Areas for Council action at this meeting
 - Adopt a problem statement (draft on p. 4)
 - Apply Actions 6 and 7 to Arctic FMP
 - Concur with delaying major changes to geographic distribution of EFH for salmon species (discussed on pp 32-35)

Materials: EFH omnibus amendments initial review draft, C-4 action memo

2. HAPC proposal – skate nurseries

- recommend whether to initiate an analysis for establishing skate nurseries as HAPC
- refine draft alternatives for amendment analysis
 - o include all 6 proposed areas, or a subset
 - o under alternative 3, refine options for closing areas to particular gear types

Materials: HAPC discussion paper and initial alternatives, C-4 action memo

3. Sablefish habitat conservation

• Given the context of the discussion paper, provide recommendation on how to address Groundfish Plan Teams' recommendation in EFH 5 year review, for EFH conservation measures for sablefish

Materials: Sablefish recruitment discussion paper, D-1(a) action memo, Groundfish Plan Team Nov 2010 minutes

4. Update on Northern Bering Sea Research Area Research Plan – January 2011 workshop