



E Staff Tasking

June 2022 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Review Committees and Plan Teams
2. Provide direction on tasking priorities and scheduling

BACKGROUND

Committees and Plan Teams

Membership

Attached is the updated Council committee list reflecting changes since April 2022.

Under agenda item B1, the Executive Director's report, the Council received a progress report from staff about the various Council process ideas for change that were discussed at previous meetings. One of those ideas included a potential idea to change the timing of the call for nominations process for AP and SSC nominations. If the Council wishes to make that change for this year, the Council should identify the date range for a call for nominations for SSC and AP candidates for 2023 at this meeting.

Meeting status

The following Committee and Plan Team meetings are currently anticipated:

- **BS FEP Climate Change Taskforce** – August 2022
- **Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (PCFMAC)** – Aug/Sep 2022
- **Ecosystem Committee** – September 2022
- **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – week of September 12-16, 2022
- **Joint Groundfish Plan Teams** – week of September 19-23, 2022; November 2022
- **Charter Halibut Management Committee** – October, December 2022
- **Joint Protocol Committee** – October 2022 (T)
- **BS FEP Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce (LTKTS)** – Oct/Nov 2022

The Council is also hosting the national SSC workshop in Sitka, AK, August 15-17, 2022.

Tasking and Scheduling

Posted on the eAgenda are updated versions of tasking documents for background material: the 3-meeting outlook, Council staff responsibilities, and the groundfish workplan. The IFQ project status is included under agenda D2 along with recommendations from the IFQ Committee.

Draft October 2022 agenda

A preliminary October 2022 agenda is posted to the eAgenda for your review. Please note that this draft is for the purpose of discussion and feedback, and it will be revised after this meeting. At the October meeting, the AP and Council will consider BSAI crab specifications and proposed groundfish specifications, potentially final action on the Trawl EM analysis and BSAI Pacific cod small boat access analysis, and initial review of the snow crab rebuilding analysis and Greenland turbot in longline pots analysis. The Council also has several other discussion papers and reports scheduled, including the expanded paper and voluntary reports on BBRKC, a discussion paper on universal data collection components, spatial management papers, and a review of the Climate Change Taskforce's Climate Readiness Synthesis Report.

The October meeting is intended as in-person/hybrid, and our intent is that we would broadcast the AP, SSC, and Council, and provide opportunity for both in-person and remote testimony. The meeting is scheduled for October 3-11, 2022 in Anchorage, however, as currently outlined, the SSC has a full (if not overfull) three days of agenda items to review. We will either need to schedule for the SSC to meet into Thursday, or remove some items from the SSC's agenda. In hybrid mode, we cannot have more than two meetings occurring simultaneously, so if we need to accommodate a fourth day of the SSC meeting for presentations or discussion, we may need to shift the Council dates so that the Council starts on Friday October 4th and ends Wednesday October 12th. We will reevaluate the timing after the June meeting. Finally, if prevailing conditions change and the Council meeting becomes virtual, the SSC will need to begin earlier, on September 28th, to ensure that specifications are completed in time to allow for the crab fishery opening date.

Public Comment

Written public comments that have been submitted to the Council are available on the eAgenda.