

Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, April 7, 2009 1 - 5pm
Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK

1. EFH 5-year review

- Review of conclusions from EFH summary report:
 - EFH descriptions for each FMP-managed species (5 FMPs: BSAI and GOA groundfish, BSAI crab, Scallop, Salmon)
 - Evaluation of fishing impacts
 - conservation and enhancement recommendations for non-fishing threats to EFH
 - research priorities for EFH
- Recommendations for Council action:
 - Should amendments be initiated to update FMPs
 - Are further evaluations of elements of EFH review necessary?
 - Should any new conservation measures be considered to mitigate adverse effects of fishing?
 - Are there new directions indicated for EFH research in the next 5 years?

*Materials: EFH Review Summary Report – <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/habitat/efh.htm#5>
Especially Chapter 14 of EFH report*

2. HAPC process

- Review of HAPC priorities that have previously been raised or have come up during EFH 5-year review
- Recommendations for Council action:
 - Should Council set HAPC priorities and initiate a HAPC proposal process?
 - If so, what should priorities be?
 - Any comments on the draft RFP

Materials: Chapter 12 of the EFH Review Summary Report, action memo

3. AI Ecosystem Team terms of reference

- Review draft terms of reference for adoption

4. Update on Northern Bering Sea Research Area Research Plan