

North Pacific Fishery Management Council Ecosystem Committee

Agenda: August 6-7, 2015

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The purpose of the August 6-7 meeting of the NPFMC's Ecosystem Committee is to review progress on development of a strawman Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Module, and development of a discussion paper planned for presentation to the Council in December, 2015. This DRAFT agenda has been developed from the outline framework of that discussion paper.

	Estimated Time
1. Introductions and recap of progress to date	30 min
2. Availability of ecosystem information from Bering sea Update on Section 3 from January 2014 discussion paper	30 min
3. History of Council and public discussions of the FEP Could probably skip this section as we heard this in March	
4. Structure of the FEP Proposed format <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 4 from March 2015 discussion paper updates as necessary	1 hr
5. FEP Strategic Document Strawman <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FEP Purpose and Goals – Review statement of FEP purpose and goals as blend of objective text proposed during March 2015 meeting• FEP Scope – Review geographic extent of FEP proposed at March 2015 meeting• Operational EBFM definition – Discussion of options for choosing an operational definition of EBFM as a yardstick for Council actions	2 hrs
6. Strawman action modules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop one or more action modules as examples of how they would be developed in a FEP. Incorporate the 5 questions from the March 2015 discussion paper. Include example of how results (products?) from action module would be used to affect Council decisions. Could include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Self-evaluation of Council BS management: how well does current management match with operational EBFM definition?○ Subsistence use module: compilation of subsistence data. Would likely focus on application of results to affect Council process.○ Ecosystem risk assessment frameworks○ Methods for defining thresholds for key ecosystem indicators	5 hrs
7. How does a BS FEP add value to fishery management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What happens without a BS FEP?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How much work would go forward without FEP? How would that work affect Council process?	2 hr
8. Estimation of resources required to produce FEP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel, time, and funding required to complete a BS FEP	1 hr

- 9. Bering Sea Canyons** **30 min**
- Determine schedule for presentation of full BS Canyons report to Ecosystem Committee and development of recommendations for Council
- 10. EFH Revisions** **30 min**
- Review updated EFH revisions schedule