



Gulf of Alaska Research Scoping Paper

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The committee recommends that the Council task staff with developing a scoping paper on the status of research initiatives taking place in the GOA and the timelines associated with those projects. The scoping paper should identify gaps in understanding, and list actions that the Council could take to address them (GOA FEP, etc.). The paper should identify possible decision points such as structure of FEP Team, if BSFEP structure fits the GOA.



GOA Research Initiatives

- NOAA Fisheries Science Strategy
- NOAA'S Climate Fisheries Initiative (CFI)
- GOA Regional Action Plan 2.0 (RAP)
- GOA Climate Integrated Modeling Project (GOACLIM)
- Gulf of Alaska Integrated Ecosystem Research Program (GOAIERP)
- Many others



Gaps in Understanding

Data gaps/research needs

- Currently identified through several pathways (e.g., research priorities, GOA RAP)

Gaps in on-ramps/communications

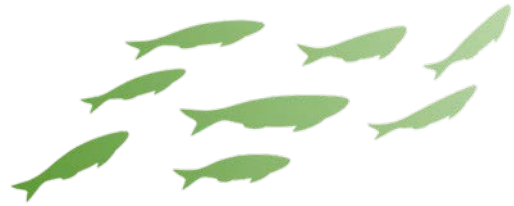
- Consistent place for GOA climate conversations with scientists, managers, and stakeholders
 - Community decision support tools (GOA RAP)
- Purpose, use and connections between ecosystem products and decision-making



Next Steps

- No Committee action required
- Several points of consideration for GOA FEP:
 - Current status of BS FEP
 - Goals and objectives of GOA FEP
 - Connections among FEPs:
 - Overlap and distinctions unique to each area
 - Timing
 - Staff resources





Questions?

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