



D7 Ecosystem Committee report

October 2022 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Review the Committee report
2. Action as necessary

BACKGROUND

The Ecosystem Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 3, 2022 in hybrid format. The Committee's agenda includes review of two items that are also on the Council's agenda, as well as updates on several other issues. For the Council agenda items, the Committee is reviewing preliminary components of the EFH 5-year review that will also go to the SSC (agenda item D8); the AP and Council are not scheduled to receive these staff presentations, and will instead review the complete EFH 5-year review, currently scheduled for February 2023. The Committee will also review the Climate Resilience Synthesis report (agenda item D6) that has been prepared by the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan's Climate Change Taskforce.

In terms of other updates, the Committee is continuing to pursue an approach to scoping the potential for a GOA Fishery Ecosystem Plan, as requested by the Council, as well as proposals for an ecosystem workshop at some future date. Staff will also provide updates on discussions with respect to revisiting the findings of the Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (PSEIS), the recent national SSC workshop, the upcoming SSC workshop in February, and follow-up on a marine debris program in Alaska which was discussed by the Committee last March.

The Committee report will be posted shortly after the Committee meets.