Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

April 4, 2005 1-5 pm Aspen Room, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK

1. Update on national conference

- a. summary table on 'Developing an ecosystem approach to fisheries' detailing the findings of the main conference panel and the ecosystem advisory panel, and the comments of the SSC
- b. poster from the national conference describing NOAA's ecosystem goal team

2. Update on Council-NMFS working group to develop ecosystem national guidelines

3. Brief update on current North Pacific ecosystem efforts

- a. summary of Alaska region ecosystem research funding requests (Jim Balsiger)
- b. summary of the North Pacific Climate Regime and Ecosystem Productivity group
- c. agenda and SSC minutes on the SSC's February multispecies and ecosystem modeling workshop

4. Review of staff discussion paper on the Council's role in developing an ecosystem approach to management in Alaska

- a. discussion paper emailed to committee on 3/31/05
- b. additional discussion on process, including Figure 3 and funding considerations

5. Review of discussion paper considering area-specific management in the Aleutian Islands

- a. discussion paper, dated 11-18-04, emailed to committee on 3/18/05
- b. additional discussion points
- c. SSC comments on discussion paper, from December 2004
- d. contributions to the Fisheries Oceanography volume on the Aleutian Islands, scheduled to be published this summer; and abstract of the draft conclusions