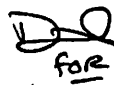


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members  
FROM: Chris Oliver   
Executive Director for  
DATE: March 29, 2006  
SUBJECT: Ecosystem-Based Management

ESTIMATED TIME  
1 HOUR

**ACTION REQUIRED**

Receive Ecosystem Committee report and take action as necessary

**BACKGROUND**

Report from Federal-State-Council meeting on an Aleutian Islands Ecosystem Forum

In accordance with the Council's direction, the Council chair and staff continue to explore creating an Aleutian Islands Ecosystem Forum (AIEF) with interested Federal and State agencies. The initial meeting to propose the idea of the Ecosystem Forum took place in November of 2005, and was hosted by the Council, NOAA Fisheries, and the State of Alaska Ocean Policy Cabinet. A follow-up meeting among the various agencies is scheduled for April 3, 2006. The meeting's purpose is to continue the discussion of the AIEF proposal, and to consider a draft charter for the Ecosystem Forum. A summary of the meeting will be presented to the Council during this agenda item.

Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan (AI FEP)

The Council is considering a Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Aleutian Island fisheries. A discussion paper describing the process for developing a Fishery Ecosystem Plan was mailed out to the Council in March. The Ecosystem Committee is scheduled to consider the FEP project at their meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The Committee's report, and any recommendations for the Council, will be available during this agenda item.