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Action Memo

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SUBJECT:
Squid to Ecosystem Component Category - Initial Review

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ACTION REQUIRED:
Initial review.

BACKGROUND:

The Council will take initial review of an EA/RIR/IRFA to evaluate moving squid stocks in both the BSAI Groundfish FMP and the GOA groundfish FMP into the Ecosystem Component (EC) category. Under current National Standard 1 guidelines, if a species requires conservation and management, it is classified as being "in the fishery". If a species does not require conservation and management, it may be moved into the "ecosystem component" (EC) category. In order to be designated as an "ecosystem component" (EC), the species or species group should be:

- a non-targeted species or species group;
- not subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition;
- not likely to become subject to overfishing or overfished in the absence of conservation and management measures; and
- not generally retained (a small amount could be retained) for sale or personal use.

A decision tree for determining if a stock is in need of conservation and management is attached.