Agenda Item D2 -- Cook Inlet Salmon FMP amendment – CISC report, SSC review Council Motion April 7, 2019

The Council appreciates the work of the Cook Inlet Salmon Committee (Committee) over three meetings. The Committee should meet again before the October 2019 Council meeting. The Council requests that the Committee focus its efforts on developing recommendations for an FMP amendment for the Cook Inlet drift gillnet fishery in the EEZ adjacent to Cook Inlet, focusing on procedures for FMP implementation and identifying appropriate fishery monitoring to meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements.

The SSC reviewed the proposed status determination criteria in the discussion paper and the use of escapement-based data and established escapement goals for the status determination criteria for consistency with National Standard 1 and the use of best scientific information available under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Based on this review, the Council requests that staff move forward with an analysis of the proposed status determination criteria as the most scientifically appropriate approach to meeting the Magnuson-Stevens Act and National Standard 1 guidelines. Staff should incorporate the SSC comments to the extent practicable. The Council requests that the Committee defer development of status determination criteria until this analysis is available for review.

The Committee meeting schedule will be determined by the Committee Chair in collaboration with Committee members and Council staff.