

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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D2 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan, Action Modules, and Ecosystem Committee Report

April 2022 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Diana Evans (BS FEP Team, Ecosystem Committee), Dr. Diana Stram

(CCTF), and Dr. Kate Haapala (LKTKS)

Other presenters: Dr. Kerim Aydin (BS FEP Team co-Chair), Dr. Sarah Wise (LKTKS

Taskforce co-Chair), Dr. Kirstin Holsman (CCTF co-Chair)

Action Required: 1. Review Bering Sea FEP Plan Team report, CCTF update, LKTKS

Taskforce update, and Ecosystem Committee report

2. Provide feedback and make recommendations as necessary

BACKGROUND

At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to review the Bering Sea FEP Plan Team report, the Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) workplan, an update from the Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge and Subsistence (LKTKS) Taskforce, and a report from the Ecosystem Committee.

Bering Sea FEP Plan Team

The Bering Sea FEP team met virtually on March 18 and 21, 2022 for their annual meeting. The Team report is posted to the Council's eAgenda, as well as a link to the meeting and materials. While the agenda included review of ongoing action modules and other updates, the Team focused primarily on continued development of a Bering Sea Ecosystem Health Report, as outlined to the Council last June. The co-Chairs will provide an update on the meeting and the Team's ongoing work.

Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce:

The Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Climate Change Task Force met on January 18-20, 2022 and March 15-16, 2022 in a two-session working meeting to review the primary aspects of the Work Plan (approved in June 2021), schedule and milestones for CCTF work between now and 2025, and to begin to develop a draft Climate Readiness report for Council review. The CCTF Taskforce Co-chairs will provide an update to the Council on its work and continued plans for 2022 and beyond.

Bering Sea FEP LKTKS Taskforce:

The <u>LKTKS Taskforce met virtually</u> January 20 and 22, 2022 and the report is posted to the eAgenda. The LKTKS Taskforce Co-chairs will provide an update to the Council on its work over last year including an initial draft of the protocol.

Ecosystem Committee:

The Ecosystem Committee meets virtually on March 29-30, 2022, to discuss the BS FEP reports and other ecosystem and habitat updates. The report in its entirety will be presented to the Council under this agenda item.