
D3 ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE REPORT

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ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE – BERING SEA FEP TEAM REPORT

Research Priorities

- ECO members questioned whether priorities were general or specific, and how priorities are distributed to agencies and tracked.
- ECO members noted that there is much scientific expertise, but limited fishery operational experience. Members asked about opportunities for public input in development of the Ecosystem Report Card.
- **The ecosystem committee requests clarification whether the Report Card process includes an opportunity for the ecosystem committee to review and provide comment on the draft report card.**



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Workplan

- ECO members noted long-term nature of workplan actions
- ECO members recommended the workplan be edited to provide clarity about how the actions are carried out in the future when the CCTF is dissolved
- ECO members expressed concern about overlap between CCTF and other climate change initiatives and processes. Noted their concern about the time required to keep track of all initiatives.
- ECO members noted that rural residents knowledge of immediate changes that are occurring and suggested that immediate changes should be addressed in the workplan
- ECO members discussed objectives in the workplan and had some concern over Objective 3



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- The ecosystem committee agreed that more frequent updates are important and suggested that the committee receive updates from the CCTF at least two times per year, and more frequently if necessary or useful
- The general consensus of the committee was that the workplan should proceed and the presentation and report should be edited to more simply communicate the intention of objective 3 and how information will be integrated into the Council process beyond the CCTF
- The committee suggested that the CCTF would benefit from including industry participants to address some of the concerns raised by the committee
- The committee noted that the workplan and outcomes represent a cutting-edge approach to science and management of fisheries under climate change, and could have national and international impact

