



North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce

MINUTES

May 10 and 13, 2021 via Adobeconnect

Taskforce members in attendance:

Lauren Divine (Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island), Scott Goodman (Natural Resources Consultants/Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation), Kirstin Holsman co-Chair (AFSC-Seattle), Steve Martell (SeaState), Joe Krieger (NMFS-Regional Office), Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian (Sandhill.Culture.Craft), Mike LeVine (Ocean Conservancy), Todd Loomis (Ocean Peace), Jeremy Sterling (AFSC Marine Mammal Lab), Diana Stram co-Chair (NPFMC)

Members of the public and other state and agency staff:

Diana Evans (NPFMC), Sarah Wise (AFSC-Seattle), Kate Haapala (NPFMC), Steve Marx, Megan Williams, Mateo Paz Soldan, Stephanie Madsen, Alan Haynie (AFSC-Seattle), Anne Hollowed (AFSC-Seattle), Ivonne Ortiz (AFSC-Seattle), Kerim Aydin (AFSC-Seattle), Jason Anderson, Heather Mann, Albert Hermann, Jon Reum

Overall meeting Objective:

The CCTF held a two-day virtual meeting split over two work sessions to identify milestones and timelines for the CCTF lifespan and to make revisions per Council and committee requests to the final work plan. The CCTF notes that this work plan will be posted to the Council's website as a reference document and that, as work proceeds, a 'living document' of these timeframes and deliverables will be continually updated as needed to reflect more specific plans. Meeting minutes will be used to identify any changes as well as to report back on progress towards the identified milestones. The CCTF notes that while a proposed process is provided in the work plan, it is likely to change iteratively as we identify improvements. Many of the items discussed during this CCTF meeting 4 and summarized below are works in progress upon which the CCTF will continue to work.

FEP report

The group discussed the FEP proposed report and where the CCTF can help the FEP team to identify climate specific indicators to track for it. Some draft discussion was held of the proposed draft indicators from the FEP workshop with the intent to continue to build upon that work by the CCTF.

Council motion tasks:

The CCTF reviewed the Council motion from February that identified the following bulleted revisions and incorporated each into the work plan:

- Make use of the existing products

- “Economic and Social Profiles (ESPs) (existing) Ecosystem Status Reports (ESRs) (existing) Risk Table (existing) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (BS FEP) (existing) Climate Impacts Update for contribution to ESR, proposed annually by CCTF (new) Ecosystem Health Report Card (EHRC), proposed by the FEP Team (new) EBS Climate Change and Fisheries Report, proposed biennially by CCTF (new) Any additional CCTF products not listed”
- What is new and what is existing: clarify sub-structure

- Provide for regular updates to the Council.

The CCTF intends to provide a report to the Council biennially and identified February and June as the most likely time frames for doing so. The CCTF intends to meet between 3 and 4 times per year and will provide summarized updates to the Council and committees as requested in addition to the planned two Council presentations each year.

- Revise the work plan to incorporate plain language for better readability.

The CCTF revised the work plan accordingly and added a glossary of terms as well as a simplified overview to the beginning to summarize the proposed work plan. The work plan is posted to the Council website and available as a live link here: [CCTF Work Plan](#). A strike through version of the revisions is also available and can be posted to the website as needed.

- Who will take over after the CCTF 5-year timespan?

The CCTF intends to continue to pursue avenues for how new processes stemming from the CCTF will be incorporated into existing agency work.

- Timeline and deliverables

The CCTF developed a draft timeline and deliverables for planning purposes that will be a live document which will be updated.

[CCTF Draft timeline](#)

In the short term for the fall meeting (TBD) the CCTF will work on the following:

- Update table 1 of adaptation tools (noting this is a live document as well with intended annual updates)
- FEP Climate Indicators short list
- Climate/adaptations briefing discussion
- Synthesis of current climate readiness
- Outline of Climate change report

The CCTF adjourned noting that a report will be given to the FEP team May 25th and the Ecosystem Committee May 27th prior to being presented to the SSC, AP and Council at the June meeting.