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Action Memo

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Eric Olson, Chairman Chris Oliver, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Bering Sea Pollock fishery Chinook IPA and Chum ICA reports; BS and GOA Salmon PSC Genetics Update

ESTIMATED TIME:

4 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:

Bering Sea and GOA Salmon PSC genetics update; Bering Sea Pollock fishery Chinook IPA and Chum ICA reports;

BACKGROUND

Bering Sea and GOA Salmon PSC genetics update

In conjunction with action by the Council under Amendment 91 to the BSAI groundfish FMP, the Council requested annual reports on the genetic stock composition of the salmon bycatch by species in the BSAI (and GOA once available). Two reports are available for the 2012 fisheries:

- 1) Genetic Stock Composition Analysis of Chinook Salmon Bycatch Samples from the 2012 Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska Trawl Fisheries
- 2). Genetic Stock Composition Analysis of Chum Salmon Bycatch and Excluder Device Samples from the 2012 Bering Sea Walleye Pollock Trawl Fishery

Dr. Jeff Guyon of the Alaska Fisheries Science Center Auke Bay Laboratory will be available to provide a report on the 2012 genetic results at this meeting.

Bering Sea Pollock fishery Chinook IPA and Chum ICA reports;

Under Amendment 91 to the BSAI Groundfish FMP, AFA sector representatives are required to provide an overview of their Chinook salmon bycatch reduction efforts under individual incentive program agreements (IPAs). Representatives from the Inter-cooperative Agreement (ICA) for chum bycatch avoidance will also provide a report on bycatch avoidance measures under the rolling hot spot (RHS) program in 2013. This report is a requirement of the status quo chum bycatch avoidance program implemented under Amendment 84 which conveys an exemption to the current Chum salmon savings area (CSSA) closure in the Bering Sea.

The following reports are available and presentations will be made at the meeting by the sector representative

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noted:

Agreement	AFA sector/group	Council Presentation
Bering Sea Pollock Intercooperative Salmon Avoidance Agreement (Chum ICA)	all	John Gruver and Karl Haflinger
Inshore Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (SSIP)	Inshore CVs	John Gruver
Mothership Salmon Savings Incentive Plan (MSSIP)	Mothership	James Mize
Chinook Salmon Bycatch Reduction Incentive Plan (CP IPA)		Stephanie Madsen and Amanda Stern-Pilot