



Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

January 25-26, 2022, 8am-4pm, Alaska time

Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88552665835>, Passcode: 820541

Day 1: Tuesday, January 25th

1. Marine debris (1.5 hr)

Committee requested a review of marine debris events and response in Alaska, to determine whether there should be a role for the Committee or Council.

- Presentation from Peter Murphy, NOAA

2. Northern fur seals (1.5 hr)

Committee receives annual updates on the status of northern fur seals from NMFS and co-managers. This year, there will also be a report on the revised Northern Fur Seal Conservation Plan.

- Joint presentation from Lauren Divine (Aleut Community of St Paul Island) and Mike Williams (NMFS Protected Resources Division)

3. EFH 5-year review: update on models development (2.5 hr)

NMFS is preparing the 5-year EFH review for the Council's October 2022 meeting, and has developed new modeling methods for determining habitat distribution and updates for evaluating fishing effects on EFH.

- Presentation from Gretchen Harrington, Jodi Pirtle (distribution models), John Olson (fishing effects)

4. Forage fish review (if time permits) (1 hr)

Committee requested a summary of recent research on forage fish ecology in the GOA and BSAI, to determine whether there should be a role for the Committee or Council.

- Presentation on staff discussion paper (TBD)

Day 2: Wednesday, January 26th

5. Planning for second ecosystem workshop (2 hr)

The Committee's planning subgroup will report out to the Committee on progress to date.

- Subgroup: Bill Tweit, Stephanie Madsen, Rose Fosdick, and Tom Panaramoff, with staff support from Diana Evans and Kate Haapala

6. Role/objectives of Ecosystem Committee (3 hrs)

The Committee is having an ongoing discussion about how best to fulfill its role for the Council and to provide appropriate guidance on specific Council agenda items as well as general tracking of issues for the Council.

7. Other business (.5 hrs)

Discuss March 2022 Ecosystem Committee meeting and other issues.

The Committee Chair will announce opportunities for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Public comment on any agenda item will be discretionary by the Chair, depending on time available.