

# **Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda**

Monday, May 21, 2007 1pm-5pm

Traynor Room, Building 4, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, WA

video conference sites: NMFS offices, Anchorage and Juneau

## **A. Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan**

Purpose: Develop recommendations for the Council regarding the Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan

### **1. overview of FEP**

- structure of the document, analytical approach chosen by the Team

### **2. discussion of the identified important interactions in the AI ecosystem**

- risk assessment – what is the probability and impact of change occurring with respect to these interactions? How is the Council currently addressing this risk?
- implications for management – what else might the Council do to address this risk?

### **3. future of the FEP**

- how should the document be used by the Council/staff, both in the short term and in the long term?
- relationship to the Ecosystem Considerations chapter – FEP identified a framework of indicators that would refine the AI contributions in the chapter, but we should have a realistic expectation of how and on what timescale it is reasonable to see those incorporated into the chapter (and is the chapter the best vehicle for some of these indicators)
- Team has identified a number of ways to continue work on the FEP – how and on what timescale should these move forward? (we have talked about re-evaluating the FEP on a 3-5 year timeframe; however there may be some work/updates that would be useful to address on a shorter timeframe)
- future of the Team – the Team disbands at the conclusion of this phase of the process. Should there be a role for an FEP team, either this one or one that is constituted with different membership, as part of the future of the FEP? What would be its purpose?

### **4. Committee to develop recommendations for the Council**

**B. Update on research project: institutional profiles of major State and Federal agencies in Alaska, with respect to their roles in ecosystem-based management.**