



E Staff Tasking

December 2020 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Review Committees and Plan Teams
2. Receive Ecosystem Committee report
3. Provide direction on tasking priorities and scheduling

BACKGROUND

Committees and Plan Teams

Membership

Attached is the updated Council committee list reflecting changes since October 2020. At the end of the meeting the Council Chair will also announce appointments for 2021 Advisory Panel and SSC members, and appointments to the Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC) for 2021-2022.

Meeting status

Committee and Plan Team meetings that are currently anticipated in December through the first half of next year, at this point all likely to occur virtually, include:

- **Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Taskforce on Climate Change** – Dec 12 and 14, 2020
- **BSAI Crab Plan Team** –January 11-15, 2021
- **Community Engagement Committee** – January 12, 2021
- **Ecosystem Committee** –January 26, 2021
- **Enforcement Committee** – late January 2021
- **Finance/Executive Committee** – late January 2021 or during February Council meeting
- **Legislative Committee** – (tentative, date TBD)
- **SSPT**– January 2021 (T)
- **Scallop Plan Team** – February 17, 2021
- **IFQ Committee** – mid-late March 2021
- **Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (PCFMAC)** – March/April 2021
- **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – May 17-21, 2021
- **Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC)** – May 2021
- **EM Trawl Committee** – May 2021

Ecosystem Committee

The Council's Ecosystem Committee met on November 12 to review updates on the BS FEP LKTKS Taskforce and an EFH consultation on a mining project in Norton Sounds, and to discuss the possibility

of another Council Ecosystem Workshop and other Ecosystem Committee initiatives. The report is posted under this agenda item, and staff coordinator Steve MacLean is available to present the report if desired.

Tasking and Scheduling

Posted on the eAgenda are updated versions of tasking documents that are normally included as background material for staff tasking: the 3-meeting outlook, Council staff responsibilities, groundfish workplan update, and status of Observer Program projects.

We have also provided an update on the status of all ongoing or initiated Council projects scheduled for 2021 and beyond, and advisory groups, in Tables 1 and 2.

We continue to plan for online meetings through the winter and spring of 2021, although we will continue to monitor prevailing conditions to determine when we can meet in person again.

Draft February 2021 agenda

A preliminary February 2021 agenda is posted to the eAgenda for your review. Similar to December, we are planning 7 hour meeting days and not meeting over the weekend. This schedule is designed to overlap the SSC and AP meetings as in December, to shorten the overall meeting footprint. The agenda item that must be taken up in February is the BSAI crab specifications for Norton Sound red king crab.