



Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team

REPORT

March 18 and 21, 2022, [Webconference](#)¹

Plan Team Members in attendance²:

Kerim Aydin, co-Chair (AFSC REEM)
Mike Dalton (AFSC ESSR)
Anne Marie Eich (NMFS AKR)
Diana Evans, co-Chair (NPFMC)
Davin Holen (Alaska Sea Grant)
Jim Ianelli (AFSC SSMA)
Danielle Dickson (NPRB)

Heather Renner (USFWS)
Elizabeth Siddon (AFSC ABL)
Phyllis Stabeno (NOAA PMEL)
Ian Stewart (IPHC)
Stephani Zador (AFSC REFM)
Jared Weems (ADFG)

Members absent: Brad Harris (APU)

Others in attendance included (list is not exhaustive):

Agency: Karla Bush (ADFG), Sara Cleaver (NPFMC), Sherri Dressel (ADFG), Bridget Ferris (AFSC REEM), Kate Haapala (NPFMC), Kat Meyer (WDFW), Ivonne Ortiz (University of Washington), Sean Rohan (AFSC), Diana Stram (NPFMC), Andy Whitehouse (University of Washington), Sarah Wise (AFSC ESSR)

Public: Stephanie Madsen, Heather Mann, Steve Marx, Theresa Peterson, Brendan Raymond-Yakoubian, Jaylene Wheeler, Paul Wilkins, Megan Williams

The co-Chairs opened the meeting with a review of the agenda, followed by introductions and a quick roundtable of relevant ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM) initiatives or discussions occurring in each Team member's agency or professional sphere. Opportunities for public comment were provided informally throughout the meeting, and members of the public contributed during the breakout sessions. At this meeting, the Team focused on their tasks of providing strategic guidance for monitoring Bering Sea ecosystem status through the development of a Bering Sea Ecosystem Health Report, and managing FEP action modules.

Bering Sea Ecosystem Health Report

The FEP Team spent much of the meeting working on further developing the new Bering Sea Ecosystem Health Report, which is intended to provide a strategic focus on multi-year trends and whether the Council is achieving ecosystem objectives for the Bering Sea as identified in the FEP. The Team is conscious of avoiding duplication with the existing ecosystem products such as the annual Ecosystem

¹ Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team meeting eAgenda: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2858>

² ABL – Auke Bay Laboratories, ADFG – Alaska Department of Fish and Game, AFSC – NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, AKR – Alaska Regional Office, APU – Alaska Pacific University, ESSR – Economic and Social Sciences Research Program, HEPR – Habitat and Ecological Processes Research Program, IPHC – International Pacific Halibut Commission, NMML – National Marine Mammal Laboratory, NPRB – North Pacific Research Board, PMEL – Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, REEM – Resource Ecology and Ecosystem Modeling Program, REFM – Resource Ecology and Fisheries Management Division, SSMA – Status of Stock and Multispecies Assessment Program, USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

