
E STAFF TASKING

DAVID WITHERELL, DECEMBER 2020



COMMITTEES / 2021 APPOINTMENTS

- List of Committee membership posted
- At the end of the meeting, the Chair will announce 2021 appointments:
 - Advisory Panel
 - SSC (1-year appointments)
 - PNCIAC (2-year appointments)



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Several meetings anticipated between now and spring 2021:
 - Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Taskforce on Climate Change – Dec 14, 16
 - BSAI Crab Plan Team – January 11-15
 - Community Engagement Committee – January 12
 - Ecosystem Committee – January 26
 - Enforcement Committee – late January
 - Legislative Committee – January (T)
 - Finance/Executive Committee – late January or early February
 - SSPT teleconference on EDR alternatives – January (T)
 - Scallop Plan Team – February 17
 - IFQ Committee – mid-late March
 - PCFMAC – March or April



ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE REPORT

- **LKTKS Task Force** – The committee has questions about how LK will be treated, how TK holders are defined separate from Tribal organizations or Federal designations, and how the work of the Task Force may apply to other regions.
- **State of the Ecosystem Workshop** – The committee supports another workshop and requests the Council authorize forming a steering committee with committee members identified. The committee recommends the workshop be organized around the FEP and be responsive to LKTKS Task Force recommendations and incorporate active participation and presentations by representatives with LK and TK experience and expertise.
- **Future Ecosystem Committee work** – The committee notices its interest in ecosystem changes in the Gulf of Alaska, and identifying key questions to Council management and identify issues the Council may need to address in the near future. The committee requests that the Council authorize the committee begin reviewing the state of the science to identify issues the committee would consider and to begin considering coast-wide issues such as climate impacts to forage fishes.



ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE REPORT

- **Norton Sound mining EFH** – The committee received a presentation and significant public comment identifying substantial concern by Norton Sound residents on potential impacts to subsistence species of fish and marine mammals. The committee recommends that the Council track the mine proposal and permitting process and, when appropriate, provide comment both on the potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat and on wide-ranging ecological and social concerns in the Norton Sound region. The committee also recommends the Council encourage the action agency (USACE) and reporting agencies engage in meaningful Tribal Consultation.
- **Next Ecosystem Committee meeting** – The committee requests the Council approve the next ecosystem committee meeting on January 26, 2021.
 - EBFM operationalization presentation by AFSC
 - Climate Change Task Force report
 - Deep-sea coral research operational plan
 - State of the Ecosystem Workshop planning



FUTURE MEETINGS/ FEB 2021 AGENDA

- Virtual meetings through spring 2021
- 3 meeting outlook – revised draft posted
- Preliminary February 2021 agenda posted for your review
 - Same structure: 2 weeks, overlap SSC/AP, 7-hour days and no weekend if possible
 - Agenda items: 1 “must do”, then catching up on deferred agenda items
 - NSRKC specifications
 - Final action: Pcod pot CP latency (T), SBRM
 - Initial reviews: sablefish release, crab PSC limits
 - Reports: BS FEP/Taskforces, Ecosystem Committee, Community Engagement Committee, EDRs/SSPT (T), EFP applications, Research priorities



QUESTIONS?

Council staff are also available for questions

- *Diana Evans*
- *Jim Armstrong*
- *Sara Cleaver*
- *Sam Cunningham*
- *Kate Haapala*
- *Anna Henry*
- *Steve MacLean*
- *Sarah Marrinan*
- *Jon McCracken*
- *Diana Stram*

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