

Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda

Monday, December 7, 2009 10am - 5pm
Aspen/Spruce Room, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK

1. MPA framework nomination process

- Review discussion paper on NMFS-proposed MPA nomination sites
- Are there any recommendations to Council as to how to proceed with the MPA nomination process

Materials: MPA Sites Discussion paper – emailed to committee, posted on website

2. Update on NOAA's Ocean Policy Framework and Marine Spatial Planning

- Review Ocean Policy Framework
- Ocean Policy Task Force Marine Spatial Planning process

Materials: NPFMC comment letter to NOAA, 2 NOAA all hands presentations on Task Force Interim Report and Marine Spatial Planning, letter to Ocean Taskforce on ocean user perspectives on marine spatial planning - emailed to committee

*Ocean Policy Task Force Interim Report <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/oceans>
UNESCO report on marine spatial planning <http://www.unesco-ioc-marinesp.be/goto.php?id=539fd53b59e3bb12d203f45a912eeaf2&type=docs>*

3. EFH 5-year review

- Purpose and scope of 5-year review
- Components of review: EFH descriptions for each FMP-managed species, fishing and non-fishing threats to EFH, conservation and enhancement recommendations, research and information needs
- Proposed timeline for completion (public review and input on report, Plan team recommendations for crab and scallop FMP species)
- Recommendations from groundfish Plan Teams
- Provide comments on the preliminary EFH report, and any recommendations for the Council on amendments to follow on from the 5-year review

Materials: EFH Review Preliminary Report – mailed to committee, posted on website

4. HAPC process

- Review of HAPC process: Council intends to consider whether to set HAPC priorities and initiate a HAPC proposal cycle once the EFH 5-year review is complete
- Are there any recommendations for HAPC priorities that fall out from the EFH review or from other issues

Materials: Chapter 11 of the EFH Review Preliminary Report

5. Update on Northern Bering Sea Research Area Research Plan

- Review timeline and outline for planning the research plan
- If appropriate, provide any guidance/ recommendations on proposed Community and Subsistence Workshop

Materials: NBSRA schedule and research plan outline – emailed to committee