

ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

September 16-17, 2013, 8:30am-5pm (both days)
NMML conference room, AFSC Building 4, Seattle, WA

WEBEX AVAILABLE AT: [HTTPS://NPFMC.WEBEX.COM/](https://npfmc.webex.com/)

DRAFT Agenda *(timing tentative)*

DAY 1

- 8.30 a **INTRODUCTION:** objectives of workshop, desired deliverables *Tweit*
- 9.00 a **PART 1: Considering an EBM vision statement**
1. What should an EBM vision address?
 • Presentation by Phil Levin given at MONF3, revised to focus on Alaska/West Coast, and how to further define “three questions” *Phil Levin*
- 9.45a 2. How are the Council’s management goals and objectives currently articulated?
 • Groundfish FMP management approach/objectives (PSEIS), AI FEP goals, Arctic FMP management goals, objectives from other Council actions *(Tweit)*
- 11.00 a 3. What are the Council/NMFS doing to implement EBM in Alaska, and where are there gaps?
 • Overview of AFSC goals re EBM – current plans and capacity *Kerim Aydin*
 • Presentation on BSIERP management module – MSEs, etc. *Jim Ianelli*
- Time certain, before lunch* *Next steps for Arctic FMP: Presentation on AOOS STAMP project* *Darcy Dugan (webex)*
- 1.00 p 4. What are others doing with EBM tools?
 • NPFMC approach versus other Council regions *Fluharty*
 • Discussion of Mid-Atlantic FMC Strategic Plan
 • NMFS plans for implementation of habitat outcomes from MONF3 *Terra Lederhouse*
- 2.30 p 5. How do communities fit into an EBM planning vision, and when do we engage communities? *(Towarak)*
- 3.15p **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3.45 p **DISCUSSION:** Should the Council develop an ecosystem vision statement, and if so, what should it look like?
 • Is it needed? Populate Fluharty matrix identifying where EBM principles are exemplified in existing FMPs, FEP, etc., and where there are gaps. *(Kurland has provided first draft)*
 • What should the scope of a Council vision statement be?
 Content: goals and objectives? Measurable indicators?
 Timeframe: long, short-term? Milestones?
 Implementation: how would it work with Council actions?

DAY 2

8.30a

(PART 1 DISCUSSION continued)

11.00 a

PART 2: Operationalizing EBM in Council projects

Note, issues may be added to this section during the workshop, or the order of topics revised.

1. Next steps for implementation of AI FEP

(Madsen), S Zador

1.00 p

2. Next steps for implementation of Arctic FMP

(Benton)

2.00 p

3. Bering Sea coral conservation

- Presentation of results from run of AFSC model to identify areas of high priority

Mike Sigler

3.00 p

4. Bering Sea research closure or gear modification areas

- *What objectives would research closures be designed to address?*

(Ayers)

4.00 p

CONCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

(Tweit)

Workshop Objectives

- Discuss and determine whether the Committee should recommend to the Council that an Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) vision statement is necessary, or whether that vision is sufficiently articulated in existing documents. If a vision statement is needed, draft a statement for recommendation to the Council
- Discuss how the Council's EBM vision is or should be operationalized in current and upcoming Council actions such as: FMPs, AI FEP, potential Bering Sea FEP.
- Discuss objectives of management measures in the Bering Sea canyons following the Council discussion and motion in June, including coral conservation and research area closures or gear modifications.

Workshop Deliverables

1. Potential EBM vision statement to recommend to Council
2. Recommended next steps for operationalizing EBM
3. Recommendations on scope and function of a Bering Sea FEP
4. Recommendations on BS canyon measures
5. Others?