



D4 Marine mammal conservation status (SSC only)

June 2020 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Steve MacLean
Other Presenters: Dr. Robyn Angliss (AFSC, Marine Mammal Laboratory)
Action Required: Receive report (SSC Only)

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the SSC requested annual updates from the AFSC Marine Mammal Laboratory (MML) on marine mammals of conservation concern, or for those marine mammals with unusual or unexpected survey results. Updates are normally provided to the SSC in February, to inform the SSC (and Council) about potential issues for marine mammals that may affect management of commercial fisheries in the GOA and BSAI. However, because of scheduling conflicts with the Alaska Marine Science Symposium in February, the conservation update from MML was postponed, although the SSC did receive a presentation on the MML's northern fur seal research program. At this meeting, Dr. Robyn Angliss (Deputy Director, MML) will provide an update to the SSC. It is expected that future updates to the SSC will occur during February meetings, as normal.