



# E Staff Tasking

December 2023 Council Meeting

## Action Memo

Council Staff: David Witherell, Diana Evans  
Action Required: 1. Review Committees and Plan Teams  
2. Provide direction on tasking priorities and scheduling

## BACKGROUND

### Committees and Plan Teams

#### Membership

Posted on the eAgenda is the updated Council committee list reflecting changes since October 2023.

As reflected in the ED report, the Council has received nominations for [2024 Advisory Panel members](#), including for the [AP Tribal Representative seat](#), SSC, and two Plan Team candidates. The Council may decide whether to make these appointments during this agenda item.

#### Status of future advisory group meetings

The following Committee and Plan Team meetings are currently anticipated:

- **Charter Halibut Management Committee** – October 20, 2023, virtual; Dec 2023 (date TBD)
- **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – Jan 8-12, 2024; Anchorage, AK and virtual
- **BS FEP Climate Change Taskforce** – February 2024 (date TBD); virtual

In addition, there will continue to be Plan Team discussions of **research priorities**, in order to provide input to the SSC in February:

- **Scallop Plan Team** – December 14, 2023; virtual
- **BSAI Crab Plan Team** – final discussion during Jan 8-12, 2024 meeting (Anchorage, AK and virtual)
- **Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team** – January 9, 2024; virtual
- **SSC Subgroup for Research Priorities** – January 11, 2024; virtual
- **Joint Groundfish Plan Teams** – January 17, 2024; virtual

Note that the Social Science Planning Team met in November to discuss research priorities, and will be presenting their report to the SSC in February.

### Tasking and Scheduling

Posted on the eAgenda are updated versions of tasking documents for background material: the 3-meeting outlook, Council staff responsibilities, and the groundfish workplan. A preliminary February 2024 agenda is also posted to the eAgenda for your review. Please note that these preliminary drafts are for the purpose of discussion and feedback, and will be revised after this meeting.

### Public Comment

Written public comments that have been submitted to the Council are available on the eAgenda.