

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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D3 Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan

June 2021 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Diana Evans (BS FEP Team Co-Chair), Dr. Diana Stram (CCTF Co-

Chair)

Other Presenters: Dr. Kerim Aydin (AFSC; BS FEP Team Co-Chair),

Dr. Kirstin Holsman (CCTF Co-Chair)

Action Required: 1. Review Bering Sea FEP Plan Team report

2. Review Climate Change Taskforce report and work plan milestones

3. Provide feedback and make recommendations as necessary

BACKGROUND

Bering Sea FEP Plan Team Report

The BS FEP Team <u>met virtually</u> on May 24-25, 2021. The Team report is attached to the eAgenda. The Team addressed development of a strategic ecosystem report for the Council and updates from the FEP Taskforces. The FEP Team Co-Chairs will provide a brief update on other ongoing BS FEP projects, and future plans.

Bering Sea FEP Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF) Report

The CCTF met virtually on May 10th and 13th, 2021. The CCTF report and work plan are attached to the eAgenda. The CCTF Co-Chairs will provide a brief update on the workplan and other ongoing work.

The Council's other BS FEP Taskforce, on Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence, last met on March 16-17 to continue developing protocols and onramps outlined in their Councilapproved workplan. Minutes from the meeting are available on the Council's website. The Taskforce's co-Chairs updated the BS FEP Team in May, but will not be convening again until October 2021, and will report back directly to the Council next year, unless an earlier briefing is requested.

Ecosystem Committee

The Ecosystem Committee will review the Bering Sea FEP Team and the Climate Change Taskforce reports at their meeting on May 27th, and will present their report on those topics during this agenda item.