

Potential initial tasks for the EPDT and/or the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel derived from previous Council actions, Council staff, and NMFS recommendations:

- **Convene at least one meeting in advance of the March 2010 Council meeting.**
- **Schedule presentations by the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers on the state of the science in support of ecosystem-based fishery management.**
- **Review the Council record of dialogue on ecosystem-based fishery management including statements by the Council, its Advisory Bodies, and the public.**
- **Review the existing Council FMPs to identify existing approaches and commonalities regarding ecosystem approaches to management.**
- **Inventory ecosystem-related management tools for use in E-FMP development.**
- **Review existing ecosystem-based management efforts of other regional fishery management councils, particularly the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan.**
- **Draft a problem statement including; 1) a list of issues to be addressed by an E-FMP; 2) a statement of purpose and need; 3) initial goals and objectives; and 4) list of issues to be considered by an E-FMP.**
- **Develop a "SAFE-like" report that utilizes oceanographic, biological, ecological, social, economic, and other data to summarize the status of the California Current ecosystem. Include potential indicators of future trends in status.**
- **Develop a plan and schedule for the development of an E-FMP including a review of upcoming Council, State, Federal, and tribal processes that may be complimentary to E-FMP development (i.e. review of essential fish habitat under the four existing FMPs).**