

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON THE FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN

This informal briefing by staff is intended to help Council members understand the various issues and objectives associated with the scheduled final adoption of the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). This special briefing is occurring on the first day of the Council meeting, Saturday, April 6, before Agenda Item H.1 comes to the Council floor on Tuesday, April 9. This provides time for Council member deliberation, advisory body statement preparation, and discussion at State, Tribal, and Federal delegation meetings.

The draft FEP (Agenda Item H.1.a, Attachment 1) and a prerecorded webinar overview of the document has been posted on the Council web page since early-March. Ecosystem-Plan Team Chair, Ms. Yvonne DeReynier will review the FEP with a focus on revisions to the document since November 2012.

The main focus of this briefing will be the attachments of Agenda Item H.1. Ample time will be provided for Council member questions focused on understanding the content, organization, and tasks for Agenda Item H.1 scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th.

Since this is strictly an informational briefing and can be considered essentially in advanced delivery of a portion of the H.2 agenda item overview, there will be no advisory body or public comment taken at this time. Those interested in providing comments intended to influence Council action should do so under Agenda Item H.1, not under this agenda item.

Council Task:

Consider briefing information, obtain clarity on any questions about Agenda Item H.1 substance or action, and request further analysis of particular issues, if appropriate.

Reference Materials:

See Agenda Item H.1.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Informational Briefing
- c. Council Questions and Discussion

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