ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL (EAS) REPORT ON THE ROLE AND COMPOSITION OF THE EAS

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) appreciates opportunities to bring diverse perspectives to ecosystem-based management issues. The consensus of the group is that the current composition of the EAS represents a broad range of perspectives and has worked well to support the Council's objectives for ecosystem-based management. We welcome the opportunity to be of continued service as the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan and initiatives move forward.

The EAS values the contribution of the Ecosystem Work Group in evaluating issues, developing proposed initiatives, and providing continuing insights and support on ecosystem-based management topics. Whether it is an Ecosystem Work Group or an Ecosystem Management Team, we request continued availability of this resource as important champions of and contributors to ecosystem-based management.

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