

## WEST COAST ECOSYSTEM-BASED FISHERY MANAGEMENT ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published Policy Directive 01-120 on May 23, 2016, describing the agency's implementation of ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM). According to the overarching policy statement EBFM implementation will "...better inform and enable better decisions regarding trade-offs among and between fisheries (commercial, recreational, and subsistence), aquaculture, protected species, biodiversity, and habitats." This will help maintain resilient and productive ecosystems in the face of change. To facilitate implementation of this EBFM policy, NMFS prepared a Road Map document ([Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 2, September 2016](#)). The Council was briefed on this national Road Map at its September 2016 meeting and provided comments (Attachment 1).

The EBFM Road Map recommends that NMFS develop regional Road Map implementation plans to take into account the particular nature and challenges of each U.S. marine ecosystem. NMFS's West Coast Regional Office, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, and Southwest Fisheries Science Center drafted the Western Road Map Implementation Plan (WRIP) for the California Current Ecosystem (CCE) (Attachment 2). The WRIP organizes key regional objectives, outlines progress in achieving them, and spells out future directions. A public review draft of the WRIP was made available in June 2018 with a comment deadline for September 30.

The Council has the opportunity to formulate its comments under this agenda item, which may then be transmitted to NMFS.

### **Council Action:**

### **Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 1: Letter from PFMC to NMFS, September 2016.
2. Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2: NOAA Fisheries Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Western Road Map Implementation Plan (WRIP) – Public Review Draft.
3. Agenda Item G.1.b, Public Comment 1.

### **Agenda Order:**

- G.1 West Coast Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Roadmap Implementation      Kit Dahl
  - a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. Council Discussion and Comments as Appropriate