

ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW – SCOPING

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) suggests that a narrow update of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) could be useful, and notes that a major revision of the document is not needed at this time. The FEP is used by a variety of audiences internal and external to the Council, and its relevance relies on being up-to-date. Should an update be undertaken, the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA) annual ecosystem reports would be important to consider.

We note that articulation of the Council's goals and objectives for ecosystem health is a foundational step in implementing an ecosystem-based approach to fishery management, and is connected to steps outlined in the Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Road Map and Western Roadmap Implementation Plan (WRIP). The addition of ecosystem-level goals and objectives to the FEP will align it more closely with the structures of the Council's fishery management plans.

The EAS supports the Ecosystem Workgroup recommendation to expand the disciplinary expertise among workgroup members, and remains willing to assist in any related efforts.

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