

CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE

In March 2017, the Council initially scoped a potential Fishery Ecosystem Plan initiative to take up in the coming years and requested the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) to report back in September 2017 with more information to choose between a combined initiative on the socio-economic effects of fisheries management practices on fishing communities. Based on EWG input, the Council decided to move forward with the “Climate and Communities Initiative” in March 2018 and articulated the following goal:

The goal of a cross-FMP Climate & Communities Initiative is to consider, develop, and implement strategies for improving the flexibility and responsiveness of our management actions to near-term climate shift and long-term climate change, and strategies for increasing the resiliency of our managed stocks and fisheries to those changes. This approach should better support West Coast fishing communities that depend on marine fishery resources.

In support of this initiative The Nature Conservancy organized a May 15-16, 2018, workshop for managers, scientists, and communities to develop a better understanding of the anticipated effects of climate change and explore ways to address problems arising from climate variability and climate change, which can feed into the Council process. The Nature Conservancy has provided a workshop report, which will be presented under this agenda item (Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1).

The EWG submitted a report for the advanced briefing book that describes various activities that could occur under this initiative.

Council Action:

Review the Results of the Workshop and Provide Guidance on Next Steps for the Initiative.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1: The Nature Conservancy Climate and Communities Workshop Report.
2. Agenda Item G.3.a, Ecosystem Workgroup Report 1.

Agenda Order:

- G.3 Climate and Communities Initiative Update
- a. Report from The Nature Conservancy Workshop
 - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. **Council Action:** Review the Results of the Workshop and Provide Guidance on Next Steps for the Initiative
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