

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON THE FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN
FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) reviewed the materials on this agenda item and received a briefing from Dr. Kit Dahl. The GMT would like to reiterate our input from September 2018 ([Agenda Item G.2.a, Supp GMT Report, September 2018](#)), with regard to updates to the Fishery Ecosystem Management Plan (FEP) that are needed at this time. We continue to support a process that includes minor edits to the FEP, such as the proposed Appendix only updates (Status Quo) described in the Ecosystem Working Group (EWG) Report ([Agenda Item, E.3.a, EWG Report, March 2019](#)), and delay major updates at this time to allow the EWG to focus their effort on the scenario planning process under the Climate and Communities Initiative (CCI).

Regardless of when this review ultimately occurs, the GMT supports continuing to explore shifting the goals and objectives of the FEP from process-based procedural to measurable ecosystem characteristics. The GMT suggests that these changes could dovetail with the current scenario planning work occurring under the CCI.

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