

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON  
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) reviewed the Council's September 2019 Year-at-a-Glance Summary in Agenda Item C.5, Supplemental Attachment 3, and recommends:

For the Council's March 2020 meeting, delete the agenda item titled "Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Initiatives Update." Retain both the "FEP 5-Year Review and the "Climate and Communities Initiative Workshop Report" as agenda items for March 2020.

With both the Climate and Communities Initiative and the FEP update underway, the EWG questions whether there is capacity to take up a new initiative at this time and recommends taking it off the schedule for March 2020. The Council would next be scheduled to consider new ecosystem initiatives in March 2021.

Per the Council's instructions from its September 2019 meeting, the EWG released draft Chapters 1 and 2 of the FEP for consideration by Council advisory bodies and the public on October 4, 2019 (<https://www.pcouncil.org/ecosystem-based-management/fep/>). Comments on draft Chapters 1 and 2 should be submitted to Council staff in early February 2020 for the advance briefing book deadline for the March 2020 Council meeting.

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