

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) reviewed the Council's Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance Summary ([C.6, Attachment 1](#)) and recommends revising the September 2021 meeting summary as follows:

- Un-shade the Climate and Communities Initiative agenda item and designate that item as the final action. For that meeting, and as we stated in our report on Agenda Item I.2, we anticipate that the Council would receive the final report for this Initiative and would consider recommendations on actions to better prepare our fish stocks, fisheries habitat, and fishing communities for a variety of future effects of climate change.
- Un-shade the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) 5-Year Review - Update. As we stated in our report on Agenda Item I.3, we recommend that the Council adopt a public review draft of the FEP in September 2021, to be followed by a public comment period.

For the Council's March 2022 agenda described on the Year-at-a-Glance Summary, the EWG recommends the following addition:

- Add FEP 5-Year Review - Final. The EWG would make final draft revisions to the FEP for the March 2022 briefing book, followed by final adoption by the Council in March 2022.

With regard to the supporting meetings that occur between Council meetings, the EWG recommends:

- A Climate and Communities workshop in May or June 2021 to discuss the results of the Climate and Communities Initiative scenario planning workshops, as well as the review of workshop results and potential actions identified by the Climate and Communities Core Team with Council advisory bodies and the public (see Agenda Item I.2.a, EWG Supplemental Report 1).
- The Council schedule advance briefing webinars before each of its five major meetings, with the intent of briefing advisory bodies and the public on issues that cross multiple advisory bodies, such as marine planning and ecosystem agenda items (see Agenda Item C.2.c, [EWG Supplemental Report 1](#)). We recommend this change in approach for future Council meetings regardless of whether those Council meetings are held in person or remotely.
- The EWG will work with Dr. Kit Dahl on scheduling any needed EWG webinar meetings between March and September.