FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

As described in the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), a review and revision of the document was initiated in September 2018 five years after its initial adoption. The Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) presented review drafts of sections of the revised document at several subsequent Council meetings and the Council adopted the first two revised chapters in March 2020.

A complete draft of the revised FEP is attached as Agenda Item H.1.a, EWG Report 1. As noted in the coversheet to the draft document, the EWG continues to work on revisions to the FEP Appendix on Ecosystem Initiatives and to the new standalone document *PFMC Guidance on Agency Activities in the California Current Ecosystem.* The EWG intends to provide an update on that work in a supplemental report. Note that the standalone document is a revised version of Chapter 5, *Policy Priorities for Ocean Resource Management*, in the <u>current FEP</u>.

Council Action:

Review a Revised Draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Provide Guidance.

Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item H.1.a, EWG Report 1.
- 2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

Agenda Order:

H.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action**: Review a Revised Draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Provide Guidance

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