

CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

At its September 2017 meeting, the Council embarked on the Climate and Communities Initiative (CCI) pursuant to its Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The CCI has helped the Council, its advisory bodies, and the public to better understand the effects of near-term climate shift and long-term climate change on California Current Ecosystem fish stocks, fisheries, and fishing communities and identify ways in which the Council could incorporate such understanding into its decision making. The Council and its advisory bodies have undertaken a variety of activities under the CCI including a [climate change scenario planning exercise](#) begun in 2019 and concluded in March 2021. The Council established the Ad Hoc Climate and Communities Core Team (CCCT) to oversee the scenario planning process and at its March meeting requested the CCCT provide a summary report at this Council meeting that considers the priority actions in the [Report on Regional Workshops](#) and presents recommendations on future related activities, which may be in the form of (FEP) initiatives. The CCCT report is attached. At the request of the Council, the CCCT also scheduled a September 2 online briefing session for Council advisory bodies and the public on their recommendations.

Council Action:

Consider Outcomes of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Community Initiative, Provide Guidance on the Development of Related Future Activities, and Identify Related Candidate Initiatives.

Reference Materials:

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

Agenda Order:

- H.2 Climate and Communities Initiative Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Outcomes of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Community Initiative, Provide Guidance on the Development of Related Future Activities, and Identify Related Candidate Initiatives