## FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW – FINAL ACTION

A review and revision of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) 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 was provided for review in September 2021. Based on comments from the Council, advisory bodies, and the public, the EWG produced a final draft, which was <u>posted on the Council website</u> in November and is provided here as Attachment 1.

The EWG produced a draft of a new standalone document *PFMC Guidance on Agency Activities in the California Current Ecosystem,* which is based on Chapter 5, *Policy Priorities for Ocean Resource Management*, in the <u>current FEP</u>. Per Council guidance, this material is removed from the attached final draft revised FEP. The EWG submitted a report containing the draft guidance document under Agenda Item C.2, Marine Planning, due to the nexus with agency non-fishing activities in the California Current. The attached EWG Report 1 and the EWG report under Agenda Item C.2 further explain the rationale for including the draft document under that agenda item.

#### **Council Action:**

# Review the Final Draft Revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Provide Guidance on its Finalization.

### Reference Materials:

- 1. Agenda Item H.1, Attachment 1: Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan, Final Draft for Public Review, November 2021 *(Electronic Only)*.
- 2. Agenda Item H.1.a, EWG Report 1.
- 3. If received, Public Comments are electronic only (see e-portal).

### Agenda Order:

H.1 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review – Final Action

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

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