ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON REVIEW OF FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the documents pertaining to Agenda Item H.3, Review of Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Initiatives and have the following comments.

The EC noted that Section 2.3 of the Ecosystem Workgroup's Report 1, Report on Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives and Draft Updates to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Appendix, discusses an option for the Council to create an ad hoc advisory committee that includes an enforcement representative to assess Cross-Fishery Management Plan Dynamic Bycatch Monitoring and Minimization Policy Initiatives. The EC requests consideration for one of its members to be assigned to the committee if established by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council).

The EC also noted that Section 2.5 of the Ecosystem Workgroup's Report 1 discusses an option for the Council to create an ad hoc advisory committee to assess safety incidents and hazards in West Coast fisheries. The EC agrees that there would be value in creating such a committee, and, if the Council chooses to do so, the EC recommends that the US Coast Guard representatives on the EC, be assigned to the committee.

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