

## FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVES APPENDIX AND NEW INITIATIVE

At the March 2022 Council meeting, the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) presented a revised draft of the Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Ecosystem Initiatives Appendix ([Agenda Item H.3.a, EWG Report 1](#)). (This was a follow-on activity to the comprehensive review and revision of the FEP, finalized in March, and completion of the previous initiative, [Climate and Communities](#).) The Appendix lists proposals intended focus Council work on particular ecosystem-related issues. The Council directed the EWG to incorporate a proposed initiative described by the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS, [H.3.a, Supplemental EAS Report 1](#)) and expand and revise the initiative descriptions as appropriate, considering input from advisory bodies and the public. The attached EWG Report contains a revised draft of the Appendix. At this meeting the Council will decide whether to adopt the revised Appendix along with any guidance on further revisions necessary for finalization.

According to the FEP, in March each year the Council considers whether to embark on a new initiative. The Council deferred this task pending the completion of revisions to the Initiative Appendix so it could fully consider the proposals therein. At this meeting, the Council could thus identify an initiative or initiatives to begin work on. Once an initiative is chosen, the Council would request background materials from the appropriate entities. To do so, the Council could task the EWG and EAS, in consultation with other advisory bodies and subject matter experts, to scope development of the selected initiative or initiatives, reporting back to the Council with a detailed plan of activities in March 2023. The Council also has the option to change the composition of the EWG to align member expertise with the subject of the new initiative.

### **Council Action:**

**Adopt Revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative Appendix and Consider Work on a New Initiative.**

### **Reference Materials:**

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

### **Agenda Order:**

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| H.1 | Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives Appendix and New Initiative  | Kit Dahl |
| a.  | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies   |          |
| b.  | Public Comment  |          |
| c.  | <b>Council Action:</b> Adopt Revised Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative Appendix and Consider Work on a New Initiative |          |