

## FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN INITIATIVE WORKPLAN

In September 2022 the Council adopted Initiative 2.1 (described in the Fishery Ecosystem Plan [Initiatives Appendix](#)), the *Ecosystem and Climate Information Initiative for Species, Fisheries, and Fishery Management Plans Initiative* (shorthand as the Ecosystem and Climate Information Initiative), as the next initiative to work on. The Council directed the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) to develop a work plan to implement this initiative, for the Council to consider at this meeting. The attached EWG Report describes potential avenues for integrating ecosystem and climate information into fishery management plan decision making, with a focus on harvest specifications processes. A pilot process is outlined, with results reported on at the September 2023 meeting. The EWG also describes a framework for selecting species or species groups for which actionable ecosystem and climate information could be developed after the initial pilot effort.

The EWG seeks further guidance from the Council on initiative implementation, and input from Council advisory bodies.

### **Council Action:**

**Discuss Initiative Workplan and Provide Guidance on Next Steps.**

### Reference Materials:

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

### Agenda Order:

- H.2 Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative Workplan Kit Dahl
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Discuss Initiative Workplan and Provide Guidance on Next Steps