

## INITIATIVE 4: ECOSYSTEM AND CLIMATE INFORMATION - PROGRESS REPORT

The Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) presented a work plan for this initiative in March 2023 ([Agenda Item H.2.a, EWG Report 1](#)). The purpose of the initiative is to develop onramps for integrating ecosystem and climate information into Council fishery management plan decision making, with a focus on harvest specifications processes. The EWG provided a short update on its work in June 2023 ([Agenda Item F.1.a, Supplemental EWG Report 1](#)). Agenda Item F.1.a, EWG Report 1, reports on work completed to date. The report describes: 1) A process for choosing species to receive climate information, 2) FMP-specific ecosystem and climate information onramps for harvest setting, and 3) Species-specific ecosystem information products. To demonstrate the species selection methodology (bullet 1) the EWG provides a proposed process, draft set of criteria, and example application to seven previously identified species. It requests the Council circulate the proposed process and criteria for public review in support of Council adoption in March 2024. To demonstrate potential ecosystem information products (bullet 3) the report includes a risk assessment matrix [and its application to petrale sole and sablefish]. The Council should decide whether to use these evaluations as part of finalizing harvest specifications for these two species at the November Council meeting. In its report the EWG also provides additional recommendations on topics for workshops The Nature Conservancy has offered to cosponsor with the Council. It also lays out an updated schedule for initiative completion.

### **Council Action:**

**Council Discussion and Guidance, as Appropriate.**

### Reference Materials:

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

### Agenda Order:

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| F.1 Initiative 4: Ecosystem and Climate Information - Progress Report     | Kit Dahl |
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