## ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA & WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) discussed this agenda item at its September 5, 2023, webinar meeting. We reviewed the proposed ecosystem management agenda items on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council's) Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance (YAG) Summary (<u>Agenda Item H.10</u>, <u>Attachment 1</u>) and support moving those forward as unshaded future agenda items for March and September 2024.

The EWG also discussed the effectiveness of continuing our past practice of supplying the Council with its list of follow-up tasks from the Climate and Communities Initiative (CCI) as part of this workload planning agenda item. Our sense is that considering and prioritizing work on CCI follow-up tasks requires more detailed and focused discussion time than is commonly available during the workload planning agenda item. Therefore, we are recommending that the Council add an agenda item to its March 2024 meeting to "Review and prioritize follow-up tasks from the CCI."

To reiterate in brief, the EWG recommends that the Council:

- Retain the unshaded ecosystem agenda items shown in the Preliminary YAG (Agenda Item H.10, Attachment 1);
- Add an ecosystem agenda item to March 2024 to "Review and prioritize follow-up tasks from the CCI."

The list of CCI follow-up tasks updated through September 2023 is provided in our supplemental report for agenda item H.7, in support of the Council's discussions of Inflation Reduction Act funds.