AD-HOC EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTE REPORT ON EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – GAP ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK AND REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) ad-hoc Equity and Environmental Justice Committee (EEJC) met online on August 1, 2024 to provide feedback on a draft Gap Analysis Framework. The EEJC first recommended the Council conduct an Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) Gap Analysis in September 2023, noting that it could be the first step the Council takes to evaluate its own operations and decision making with respect to EEJ issues (Agenda Item H.5.b, Supplemental EEJC Report 1). The EEJC looks forward to discussing the draft workplan with the Council.

The National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Equity and Environmental Justice Regional Implementation Plan (RP) was not available when the EEJC met, but the EEJC anticipates the contents of the plan will complement the Gap Analysis. The EEJC looks forward to discussing the RP in detail when they meet in person in November 2024 and to any initial discussions that may occur at the September 2024 Council meeting.

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