

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT PROJECTS – CHECK IN

Between Fall 2023 and late January 2024, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff drafted three project proposals for consideration by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). These proposals, each of which focuses on an aspect of climate resilience and related Council management and decision-making processes, were developed and refined in consultation with the Council, the NMFS West Coast Region, the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC), the Council’s Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG), and the Council’s Committee-of-the-Whole. In June 2024, the Council was notified by NMFS that its IRA proposals had been approved. As of this writing, funds have not yet been received but are anticipated to be transmitted in the coming weeks.

As part of this agenda item, Council staff will present draft project workplans and tentative project timelines for the Council’s review and discussion. As these workplans are still in draft form, staff is seeking any feedback the Council may have to help further develop them and hopes that the enclosed attachments – particularly the tentative project timelines in Attachment 3 under this agenda item – will be useful to the Council by illustrating how the three projects may unfold in relation to one another. Once funds are received, Council staff will refine these workplans and add more detail where appropriate. Aspects of these plans may necessitate future Council discussion and input.

At its June 2024 meeting, the Council also requested that Council staff provide recommendations regarding the future role and composition of the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) and the EWG in light of the Council’s focus on implementing its IRA projects over the next three years. Those recommendations are included in Attachment 4 under this agenda item. Staff recommends that the Council consider the EAS and EWG composition and role as part of this agenda item, and take final action regarding these advisory groups as part of Agenda Item K.3 (Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures).

Under this agenda item, the Council should review the draft workplans, tentative project timelines, consider the roles and composition of the EAS and EWG, and provide guidance on next steps.

Council Action:

- 1. Discuss IRA project workplans and provide guidance on next steps.**
- 2. Consider role and composition of the Ecosystem Workgroup and Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 1: PFMC IRA proposals as submitted to NMFS.
2. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 2: Draft IRA project workplans.
3. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 3: Draft IRA project timelines.
4. Agenda Item C.3, Attachment 4: Staff Report on EWG and EAS recommendations.

5. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.3 Inflation Reduction Act Projects – Check In Gilly Lyons
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Discuss Workplans and Provide Guidance on Next Steps; Consider Role and Composition of the Ecosystem Workgroup and Advisory Subpanel

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