

ECOSYSTEM ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON INFLATION REDUCTION ACT
PROJECTS – CHECK-IN

The Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) received a presentation from Ms. Gilly Lyons on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council's) Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funded projects, tentative timelines for the projects, and Council staff recommendations for the roles and compositions of the Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) and the EAS.

The EAS appreciates the alignment of the IRA projects with the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan and the draft work plans described in Attachment 2. While the proposed timelines for completing and initiating action resulting from the projects as described in Attachment 3 appear ambitious given the Council's multiple fishery management processes that would occur at the same time, the EAS believes it can be done through the collaborative efforts described in Attachments 2 and 4.

To that end, the EAS also supports the Council staff recommendation of the *IRA focus* alternative whereby the EWG and EAS would provide support, advice, and guidance on the development and implementation of the Council's IRA projects and other ecosystem items as necessary or requested by the Council.

We also recommend that the Council continue to receive a presentation on the annual Ecosystem Status Report (ESR) by the California Current Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (CCIEA) Team at its March meetings. While we commend the CCIEA Team for synthesizing and condensing a ton of fisheries-relevant ecosystem information to produce a readable ESR, it is very information-dense and continuing to include a presentation coupled with the ability to ask the CCIEA Team questions helps further understanding by the Council, its advisory bodies, and the public.

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