PROPOSED UPDATED CHARGE FOR THE AD HOC ECOSYSTEM WORK GROUP

Under Agenda Item C.3 (Inflation Reduction Act Projects – Check In) at its September 2024 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) discussed updating the role and charge of the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Work Group (EWG) in light of the Council's work to develop and implement three Inflation Reduction Act-funded projects between Fall 2024 and late 2027. The following language was included in the Staff Recommendation under Agenda C.3, Attachment 4, and staff recommend that the Council adopt it as the charge for the EWG under this agenda item.

"The EWG will provide technical and policy advice in support of the Council's three Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)-funded projects. IRA projects are focused on increasing the climate resilience of Council-managed resources and are anticipated to be completed by late 2027. The EWG may provide technical and policy advice to the Council on other Ecosystem issues and items as needed and/or requested by the Council."

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