

ECOSYSTEM WORKGROUP REPORT ON
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING

The Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) met via webinar on June 1, 2026, and reviewed the proposed Ecosystem Management and Cross-Fishery Management Plan (FMP) agenda items on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) [Preliminary Year-at-a-Glance \(YAG\) Summary](#) (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 1), [September Quick Reference](#) (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 2), and [November Quick Reference](#) (Agenda Item C.5, Attachment 3). Based on that review, the EWG recommends:

- Finalizing Ecosystem Initiative 4 in March 2027 instead of September 2026. The EWG feels it would be valuable to finalize the initiative in person, and the EWG and Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel are next scheduled to meet in person in March 2027. This timing would support a more complete and collaborative finalization process and allow for incorporation of outcomes from the two risk management agenda items scheduled in September (Salmon) and November (Groundfish). In the interim, the March 2026 [Supplemental Information Report 8](#) contains work done to date on Initiative 4 and provides draft amendment language for the FEP Initiatives Appendix. Both Ecosystem advisory bodies will be concentrating on the Council's three Special Projects for the remainder of 2026.
- If the Council engages in further discussion of ecosystem-related items identified in the [D.4.a Supplemental Council and NMFS Leadership Report 1](#), the EWG asks that we be provided an opportunity to offer recommendations and guidance at a future Council meeting, as this report was made available after the EWG's publicly-noticed meeting.