

## FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW – SCOPING

The Council adopted the Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan ([FEP](#)) in 2013. Although the FEP is not subject to the provisions of Magnuson-Stevens Act related to fishery management plans, including Secretarial review of plan amendments, it does describe a review process:

This document, the main body of the FEP, will not be amended until the Council determines that an FEP review and revision process is necessary. At that time, the Council may consider appointing new ad hoc advisory bodies to review and recommend revisions to the FEP. The Council does not anticipate initiating an FEP review process until at least 2018. In addition to the main body of the FEP, which consists of Chapters 1-6, the Council may choose to add one or more appendices to the FEP without opening the main body of the FEP to revision. (FEP, page 2.)

This agenda item is an opportunity for the Council to determine the scope of any revisions to the FEP that may be made as part of the review process. As described above, the Council could also consider the utility of appointing members to a new ad hoc advisory body or changing the composition of the existing Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) to facilitate review and revision of the FEP. The EWG submitted a report for the advanced briefing book outlining the scope of the five-year process.

### **Council Action:**

**Provide Guidance on the Scope and Schedule of a Potential Five-Year Review of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.2.a, Ecosystem Workgroup Report 1.
2. Agenda Item G.2.b, Public Comment 1.

### **Agenda Order:**

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| G.2 | Fishery Ecosystem Plan Five-Year Review – Scoping   | Kit Dahl |
| a.  | Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies   |          |
| b.  | Public Comment  |          |
| c.  | <b>Council Action:</b> Provide Guidance on the Scope and Schedule of a Potential Five-Year Review of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan |          |