

CLIMATE AND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Council considered activities under this Fishery Ecosystem Plan initiative in September 2018 and focused on using a climate change scenario planning methodology to help achieve the goal of this initiative:

To consider, develop, and implement strategies for improving the flexibility and responsiveness of our management actions to near-term climate shift and long-term climate change, and strategies for increasing the resiliency of our managed stocks and fisheries to those changes. This approach should better support West Coast fishing communities that depend on marine fishery resources.

The Council formed the Ad Hoc Climate Change Scenario Investigation Committee (CSI) to guide the Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) in adapting this methodology to the Council process. The CSI reported its recommendations at the November 2018 Council meeting (see [Agenda Item H.1.a, Supplemental CSI Report 1](#)). The CSI asked the EWG to describe 5-10 candidate scenario planning topics for the Council to choose from and to specify a timeline of activities and identify sources of support, potential collaborators, and participants.

In response to the CSI's request the EWG submitted the attached report.

Council Action:

Review Progress and Provide Guidance on Future Work, Including Scenario Planning Topics.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2.a, EWG Report 1.

Agenda Order:

E.2 Climate and Communities Initiative Update

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Review Progress and Provide Guidance on Future Work, Including Scenario Planning Topics