

D4 Bering Sea FEP

The Council requests the Ecosystem Committee continue development of the Bering Sea FEP and summarize stakeholder input from the recent scoping sessions.

The Committee should develop a draft set of goals and objectives for the FEP for Council consideration, basing them on the primary and secondary objectives provided by the Committee in their September minutes and informed by the results of the scoping sessions.

The Committee should also summarize current Council efforts to maintain a healthy BS ecosystem, and propose an approach and format for an FEP. The Council suggests that the approach and format should:

- Build on existing Council plans and policies
- Be action-informing rather than action-forcing
- Inform, don't overwhelm

The Council suggests that the Committee should focus on the following areas for initial development of the draft FEP:

- Review existing management objectives from Council FMPs to determine which ones might be appropriate for the FEP.
- Work with the AFSC to assess current and expected ecosystem modeling capabilities to determine how they could be utilized through an FEP, and how the FEP might help guide analyses through ecosystem models.