

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## North Pacific Fishery Management Council Ecosystem Committee DRAFT Agenda December 7, 9AM – 12PM, Hilton Hotel Teleconference line (907) 271-2896

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Ecosystem Committee will meet from 9AM to 12PM on Tuesday, December 7, 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to review and comment on proposed methods to evaluate the effects of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) in Alaska, the final report on non-fishing impacts on EFH, and review progress on development of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). Background materials will be available on the Council's Ecosystem Committee webpage at <http://www.npfmc.org/committees/ecosystem-committee/>.

9:00 – 9:15      Introductions and background      Tweit

9:15 – 10:30    Methods to evaluate the effects of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat      Olson

In April 2016 the SSC requested, and the Council approved a SSC subcommittee to develop proposed methods to assess the impacts of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat. The Ecosystem Committee will review the draft proposed methods and provide comment

10:30 – 10:45    Break

10:45 – 11:30    Non-Fishing effects report      Eagleton

As part of the mandated review of EFH, the Council must evaluate the effects of non-fishing activities on EFH. The AK Region has reformatted the evaluation to include freshwater and marine EFH, and added sections to evaluate effects of climate change and ocean acidification. The Ecosystem Committee will review the final report and provide comment

11:35 – 12:00    Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan      Evans

In 2015, the Council approved development of the Bering Sea Ecosystem Plan. Diana Evans will provide an update on the progress made toward completion of the Core FEP.