

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Staff Tasking Motion
October 9, 2017

Ecosystem Committee

The Ecosystem committee anticipates the next meeting will take place in February of 2018.

The Council encourages the Agency to revisit and update the Conservation Plan for the Eastern Pacific Stock of Northern Fur Seals and requests that NMFS report to the Ecosystem Committee on their plans to update the 2007 Conservation Plan. The report should include review and potential revisions to Plan objectives, review and potential revisions to the Conservation Action Outline, incorporation of data available since publication of the Plan, and mechanisms for incorporating local knowledge and expertise including the effectiveness of co-management agreements with tribal governments.

The Council recommends the Ecosystem Committee discuss ways for Bering sea communities to provide input to the council with ecosystem issues and concerns.

The committee will discuss Ecosystem Committee membership during subsequent meetings and provide recommendations back to the council.