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## Action Memo

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### SUBJECT:

Programmatic Groundfish Objectives

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### ACTION REQUIRED:

- Review the Programmatic Groundfish Management Policy
- Review Council actions relative to the Policy as conveyed in the Programmatic Workplan
- Consider modifications to Management Objectives
- Consider additional Council actions to better fulfill the Management Policy

### BACKGROUND:

Implementation of the Council's Programmatic Groundfish Management Policy in 2004 amended the BSAI and GOA Groundfish FMPs to establish a management approach statement, 9 policy goals and 45 management objectives. While modification to any of these would require an FMP amendment, annual review of the Policy is mandated by the FMPs.

In order to use the PSEIS as a planning document, a more concise tool was needed to capture the activities of the Council within the framework of the Management Policy. This led to the development of a programmatic workplan. The workplan, though not required under the FMPs, is updated prior to every Council meeting, and lays out the Policy, as well as recent/current/ongoing/pending actions, a timeframe for actions, and cumulative record of management actions and outcomes. The annual review that the Council will conduct at the February 2018 meeting will rely on the workplan as a reference tool. An Appendix is also provided that describes the development of the PSEIS, its continued relevance, and its relationship to Council actions outside the scope of the Groundfish FMPs.

Specifically, the Council will:

- Review the Programmatic Groundfish Management Policy
- Review Council actions relative to the Policy as conveyed in the Programmatic Workplan
- Consider modifications to the Management Objectives (noting this requires an FMP amendment)
- Consider tasking additional Council actions to better fulfill the Management Policy