

Action Memo

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SUBJECT: Ecosystem Committee ESTIMATED TIME: 8 hours (all Other Issues)

ACTION REQUIRED: Ecosystem Committee report on EBFM/EBM

BACKGROUND: At the October 2013 meeting, the Council concurred with an Ecosystem Committee recommendation to develop an ecosystem vision statement, which was reached during the Committee's September workshop. The Council tasked the Committee with further work to consider the relative merits of two options: refining its current management practice into a cohesive ecosystem-based fishery management policy statement, or developing a more comprehensive ecosystem-based management statement. The Committee was also asked to identify potential implementation plans for each approach. The Ecosystem Committee will be meeting on December 10, 2013, and minutes will be distributed during the meeting.