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SUBJECT:

Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan - Initial Review

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ACTION REQUIRED:

Initial Review of Draft Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan

BACKGROUND:

At this meeting, the Council is scheduled to review an initial draft of the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The Bering Sea FEP establishes a framework for the Council's continued progress towards ecosystem-based fishery management (EBFM) of the Bering Sea fisheries, and relies and builds on the Council's existing processes, advisory groups, and management practice. This core FEP document identifies management goals and objectives for the FEP and for monitoring of the Bering Sea ecosystem and describes how the FEP framework will support research projects (Action Modules) to address Council priorities. The FEP offers a framework for strengthening trust, transparency, and a sense of shared investment among managers, scientists, and stakeholders.

The FEP was prepared by the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team, which is an interagency group of Council, NMFS, and other Federal, State and IPHC staff, with contributions from other Council and NMFS staff.