

Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee: Action Schedule for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Review of Draft Letter on National Standard 1 Proposed Revisions

Timeline Status: Review for approval to submit to NMFS

Council Input and Next Steps:

Council staff will review a draft letter providing comments on the proposed revisions to National Standards 1, 3, and 7. The Committee may modify the draft comments as appropriate and should recommend whether to submit the comments to NMFS. The comment period on the proposed revisions ends on June 30.

Agenda Item V: Review of Draft CCC NEPA White Paper: NEPA Procedures

Timeline Status: Draft

Council Input and Next Steps:

Council staff will review the draft white paper on NEPA procedures. The paper is a response to NMFS' efforts to improve integration of NEPA and Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements. The paper includes a proposal that would revise the Magnuson-Stevens Act to incorporate NEPA requirements into the fishery impact statement, thereby streamlining the amendment development process. The Committee is encouraged to provide comments, including feedback on the proposal to revise the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The revised white paper will be presented to the CCC at the June meeting in Key West.
