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Eric Olson, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
2015 EFH 5-year Review - Update

ESTIMATED TIME:
4 hours for all D items

ACTION REQUIRED:
Receive Update

BACKGROUND

The Council and NMFS are required to review the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) components within the Council's fishery management plans (FMPs) every five years. At this meeting, staff will provide an overview of the planned approach for the 2015 EFH 5-year review. The objective of the review is to evaluate and synthesize new information on habitat, determine whether changes to the FMPs are warranted, and present this evaluation in a summary report to the Council. If the Council chooses to update its FMPs based on the report, for example to revise EFH descriptions or management measures, FMP amendments will subsequently be prepared, along with the appropriate analytical documents.