

**Ecosystem Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab Q**

Agenda Item IV: Summary Report from September 2023 Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC)

Timeline Status: Discussion and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will review the recommendations provided by the ETC during its September 2023 meeting. The ETC provided additional feedback on the structure of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), steps within the Fishery Ecosystem Issue (FEI) Loop, and ways to prioritize beginning work on a FEI. The Committee should review the meeting summary and provide feedback on the draft structure of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan as well as consider approving the ETC's recommendation to use red tide as a pilot FEI to further develop the necessary steps to have a successful FEP.

Following this Ecosystem Committee, staff will provide the Administrative/Budget Committee an overview of the Inflation Reduction Act Climate-Ready Fisheries Council Funding Priorities and Process recently released by NOAA Fisheries. Several ongoing actions regarding the Council's efforts in developing could directly meet the priorities of this new funding opportunity. Any suggestions that Council members have on identifying additional activities and efforts to consider in future proposals would be appreciated as these are overlapping administrative priorities.

Agenda Item V: Other Business

Timeline Status: Discussion and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion during the adoption of the agenda to be considered at a future Committee meeting.
