

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Draft Gulf of Mexico Fishery Ecosystem Plan

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc. (LGL) has been contracted by the Council to develop a draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) that will provide a framework to incorporate ecosystem-based fishery management into the Council process. Dr. Heyman will summarize the compilation of efforts taken in the development of the draft FEP and multiple other deliverables that were part of the contracted work. The Committee is encouraged to ask questions to LGL about the various components of the proposed FEP and begin thinking about how translate into the Council's management process.

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**Agenda Item V:** Ecosystem Technical Committee Recommendations

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, discussion and recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The Ecosystem Technical Committee provided recommendations to LGL's work products during their September and December 2021 meetings. The recommendations have been incorporated into LGL's final products. Council staff will provide a brief overview on plans for next step and competing the FEP in the Gulf. The Committee should discuss the draft FEP, staff's outline for next steps, and provide recommendations and feedback.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Discussion and recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion if time allows.

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