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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2016
TO: Council
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: NMFS Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Road Map

The NMFS released to the Councils a discussion draft EBFM road map intended to guide the implementation of EBFM over the next five years. Informal comments are due by July 10, 2016. After consideration of these informal comments a revised draft will be released with a 45 day comment period.

Council staff will prepare the preliminary comments that I will send to NMFS in July. We welcome any suggestions from Council members. We plan to develop formal comments on the final draft at our September Council meeting, and expect that the EBFM Committee will review the draft in advance of that meeting. Please contact me if you have questions.

Attachment: NOAA Fisheries Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management Road Map (discussion draft for Councils)