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CIE review of eastern Bering Sea Pollock

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Logistics

- Chair:

Anne Hollowed

- Wifi:

AFSC-Visitor, Password on board

- **Restrooms:** down hall south side of building
- Emergency **exit:** main door proceed to parking lot
- Lunches: at cafeteria or off-site
- Possible tour of catcher-processor Wednesday eve (if interest)

Terms of Reference (ToR)

1. Evaluation, findings, and recommendations on quality of input data and methods used to process them for inclusion in the assessment. In particular:
 - a) Is the use of the index of **acoustic backscatter from opportunistic (AVO)** used appropriately?
 - b) Is modeling observed **numbers** from surveys appropriate?
 - c) How should data on **mean body mass at age** be best used for model projections?
 - d) How should the various **data** sets be **weighted**?
2. Evaluate and provide recommendations on model structure, assumptions, and estimation procedures used to assess stock status and condition. In particular:
 - a) Are the **selectivity** approaches used for surveys and fishery appropriate?
 - b) How should **trans-boundary** aspects of the resource be handled?
 - c) What constraints, if any, should be placed on **survey catchability**?
 - d) How should model **projection alternatives** be evaluated/presented?
 - e) Anything else on which the reviewers care to comment.
3. Evaluate and provide recommendations on harvest recommendations provided by the NPFMC Tier system in the context of the 2,000,000 t BSAI cap and realized management recommendations
4. Evaluate the extent that ecosystem data are presently included in the assessment and recommend how and where improvements can be made.

Agenda and TOR

Today

- Background
- Surveys and Fishery data
- Management
- Ecosystem
- How the assessment is presented

Tuesday

- Stock structure
- Harvest strategy
- Further assessment model details

Wednesday and Thursday

Discussions and follow up

Time certain discussion periods for public input as need