

DRAFT Recommendations for the Council

FEP goals and sub goals:

- The overarching *goal* of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) is to promote ecosystem based approaches to ensure healthy, resilient and productive marine ecosystems and the fisheries resources dependent upon those ecosystems, within the context of the unique biological, ecological, economic, social and cultural characteristics of those fishery resources and the communities dependent on them.
- A corollary goal is to provide the framework that promotes the following sub-goals:
 1. Increase human community resilience within the context of changing ecosystems;
 2. Promote ecosystem resilience within the context of changing ecosystems;
 3. Define present ecosystem status/functionality;
 4. Understand dynamics of fisheries and ecosystem services;
 5. Describe key ecosystem linkages;
 6. Identify research priorities;
 7. Identify additional ecosystem-essential species in need of conservation and management;
 8. Understand the risks to the fishery ecosystem and tradeoffs from different management strategies;
 9. Improve the data and information needed to support marine ecosystem management;
 10. Prevent overfishing and/or ecosystem overfishing;
 11. Achieve optimum yield;
 12. Incorporate ecosystem considerations into stock assessments;
 13. Bring ecosystem considerations into the decision making process;
 14. Promote adaptive management policies (Revising MSA, National SSC, CCC).