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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2020
To: MSB Committee
From: J. Didden
Subject: April 29, 2020 Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Amendment Timeline Recommendation (Committee action)
-AP timeline input
2. NMFS GARFO Letter (possible Committee action)
3. Public Comment Overview
4. AP Meeting Summary
5. Alternative Simplification Recommendation (see AP summary) (Committee action)
6. Additional Committee Recommendations (possible Committee action)

Agenda items 3-6 are self-explanatory.

1. Amendment Timeline - There was discussion at the Council meeting that Council leadership is considering delaying final action on the *Illex* Amendment if the Council cannot meet in person in June, and would seek AP and Committee input. Staff sees three possible ways forward:

- a. Take final action in June as planned with the Committee making preferred alternatives on April 29, 2020. Briefing materials will be updated per Committee recommendations and GARFO/FMAT advice as appropriate.
- b. Take final action in June but hold another Committee meeting before the June Council meeting after the SSC and FMAT meet.
- c. Take final action in August, with another Committee meeting before the August Council meeting after the SSC and FMAT meet.

It is possible that even if the Council meets in person in August, public participation may be limited to a webinar connection to maintain possible meeting size limitations and/or social distancing within the meeting room.

2. Pending input from the Committee and follow-up FMAT work, staff anticipates that the concerns in the GARFO letter can be successfully addressed without substantial extra staff workload or timing issues.