

CCC May 13-15, 2014 - Action Items

Habitat

1. Form a cross-Council Habitat working group, comprised of Council staff habitat experts (with the exception of the Pacific Council at this time).

Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization

1. Develop and transmit a letter with consensus statements.
2. Develop working paper to address issues in more detail.
3. Form a Legislative Committee to follow these issues.

Working Group 1 - Stock Rebuilding Requirements

Increased flexibility	Consensus statement: All the Councils agree on the need to consider an alternative term (such as depleted) to reflect conditions that are not the result of fishing activity, but note that there are some specific uses of "depleted" in other statutes; some degree of additional flexibility with respect to stock rebuilding would allow Councils to balance biological imperative to rebuild overfished stocks with need to minimize negative social and economic impacts associated with rebuilding.
Delayed implementation of rebuilding plans	To be further developed in working paper
Stock rebuilding requirements	Consensus: Exceptions should be limited in scope and carefully defined. Suggest that MSA codify exceptions; provide guidance regarding applicable circumstances in NS guidelines.
Ending overfishing	No consensus - to be further explored in working paper
Mixed stock exemption	Consensus statement: Current high degree of prescription relative to single species biological reference point/stock rebuilding requirements may be incompatible with ecosystem approaches. However, development of criteria for application of a mixed stock exemption would ideally ensure ecosystem principles are being adhered to.
ACL exemptions	Consensus statement: Exemptions for data poor species should be considered.
SSC role in quota setting	No consensus - to be further explored in working paper

Other related priorities	Consensus: Incorporate other concerns (contained in bulleted working group summary) into letter
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Working group 2 - Reconciling Statutory Inconsistency

NEPA	Move that the CCC task working group 2 with completing the draft CCC concept white paper integrating NEPA compliance into a reauthorized Magnuson Act, submitting for approval to all 8 Councils, and formalizing into a CCC position.
Other Statutory Requirements	Send CCC draft position on other statutes back to working group for further development.

Working Group 3 - Other Issues

Electronic Monitoring	Text in working group summary approved by consent
Data Confidentiality	Text in working group summary approved by consent
Marine Spatial Planning	Text in working group summary approved by consent
Transparency	Text in working group summary approved by consent
Ecosystem Management	Text in working group summary approved by consent, with additional statement reading: "As a general comment relative to potential legislation on development of Fishery Ecosystem Plans, the CCC recommends that any such legislation provide general guidance, and <u>not</u> be so prescriptive as to possibly discourage Councils from developing such Ecosystem Plans."
Forage Fish	Text in working group summary approved by consent
Sustainability Certification	Referred to legislative committee for further development
Recreational Fisheries	Text in working group summary approved by consent
Transboundary Stocks	Text in working group summary approved by consent
State/Federal/Council Coordination	Referred to legislative committee for further development (consider geographically specific recommendations)
Catch Shares	Text in working group summary approved by consent
National Standards	Referred to legislative committee for further development

CCC Allocation Review Working Group

1. Move that the CCC adopt the hybrid approach as described in the presentation. (Motion carries)

Hybrid approach - Form CCC working group to develop comments on adaptive management and the timing of, and criteria for, allocation review, and support for an "agency-initiated" process for developing the broader policy guidelines.

2. Move to adopt draft outline as advisory (Motion carries)

Oceana Bycatch Report Response

1. Move to send letter to Oceana following additional review by the CCC (moved by consent).

Operational Guidelines

1. Move forward with the objectives, with incorporation of previously submitted edits (moved by consent).

Science Issues

1. With respect to the briefing book document titled "Terms of Reference for Council Coordination Committee," move to:
 - a. Add paragraph 2a as written in red in the briefing document.
 - b. Add the following sentence to end of paragraph 2, after the sentence beginning "Work groups or subcommittees may be established to address particular issues": "CCC Working Group and Subcommittee recommendations or reports shall be reviewed and approved by the CCC before being authorized as a CCC perspective."
 - c. Change the date of the document to May 15, 2014.
 - d. Add to paragraph 2, sentence #2 "...Council staff, NMFS staff, and members of Council-established advisory bodies."
 - e. Modify to say "approved at CCC meetings."(McIsaac/Nies; 8/0/0 - motion carries unanimously)

2. Move to approve National SSC V, pending availability of funding (Anderson/Olson - moved by consent).