

Sector “Lessons Learned” Workshop – Strawman Agenda

Overview

The workshop has two components: conveyance of information from analyses of sector performance and a more personal sharing of experiences between sector representatives and Council members. In order to provide adequate time for each of these activities, it is proposed to be a two-day workshop.

Day 1: Summary of Available Data and Performance Indicators

- Morning – Council, NERO, and/or NEFSC staff to present results of sector performance analyses
 - Available information will depend on timing of workshop.
 - See companion document, “Draft List of Sector Analysis Projects”, for an estimate of availability of major documents.
 - **What reports are the most important? Who should be asked to speak?**
 - Identify what information, if any, the Council would still like to see.
- Afternoon – Sector presentations of annual reports
 - At least some sectors are likely to release reports on performance beyond what is contained in the annual reports. **Should they be requested to present these reports, or only annual reports?**
 - Could be voluntary to ask if sectors want to share their findings.

Day 2: Interaction with Sector Representatives

- Morning – Question-and-answer session in breakout groups
 - Each group should consist of some sector representatives and some Council members, and participation should rotate so different sectors can share their experiences.
 - Example questions that might be discussed include:
 - What did sector representatives feel was successful about their operations in FY 2010?
 - What governance issues, if any, are still outstanding?
 - Are there any management measures that could be changed to facilitate more efficient or effective sector operations?
 - **Should sector members be invited to speak, or only managers/representatives?**
- Afternoon – Recap from morning breakout sessions and where to go from here
 - Develop “lessons learned” guidance document using highlights from morning conversations

Types of questions that Committee members suggested Council members may wish to ask sector representatives:

- What were some ways in which you felt sector management allowed for innovation in fishing practices?
- Do you anticipate more vessels will be fishing this year than last year?
- How did ACE trading work, and how can the system be more effective?
- Did members in your sector change the way that they fished?
- Were there any regulatory impediments to successful operations?
- How could your sector be more efficient?
- What has your experience been with both dockside and at-sea monitoring?
- How do you use electronic or software tools to improve sector performance?
- Are there any problems that the Council may not be aware of?
- Did the process of buying or selling permits in your sector, if any occurred, go smoothly?
- Do you have any concerns with the interaction between sectors and compliance provisions and/or enforcement measures?
- Does your sector impose fees to join, lease ACE, etc.?
- How and to what extent did consolidation of PSC occur in your sector?
- Did your sector lease away its quota, and into what other fisheries did it go?
- What was the number of active boats in the first year and the second year?
- Is there anything else you would like the Council to know, or anything that is unclear?

*These questions do not represent formal topics for discussion, but rather suggest some information that Committee or Council members may potentially be interested in obtaining from sector representatives and, therefore, may ask during the small group sessions. They are included to give sector representatives an idea of the type of issues they may be requested to address.