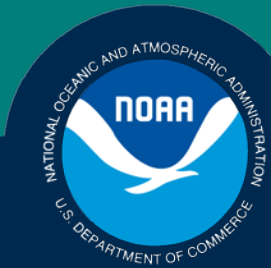


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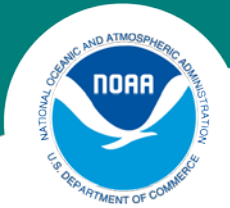


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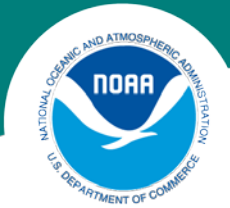
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Response to the Review of the NE Fishery Management Process

- Review provided recommendations across four broad categories:
 1. Simplify Governance (NERO Lead)
 2. Simplify Communications (NERO Lead)
 3. Improve Science Collaboration (NEFSC Lead)
 4. Improve Collaboration (NEFMC Lead)
- The work plans developed in response to the review are a collaborative process between the Region, Center, and Council.



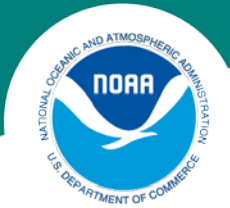
Highlights of the Regional Office Work Plan

Simplify Governance:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities between the Region, Center and Council.
- Conduct a pilot project to simplify the readability of new regulations.

Simplify Communications:

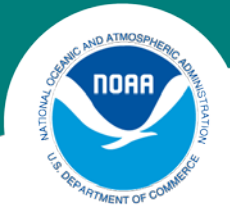
- Develop a Regional Communications Plan that emphasizes coordination.
- Get input from industry on preferred medium/format.
- Make permit holder letters more clear and concise.
- Improve info accessibility on our websites.
- Enhance customer service.



Highlights of the Science Center Work Plan

Improve Science Collaboration:

- Improve and streamline data management & collection.
- Simplify the stock assessment process.
- Strengthen the Cooperative Research Program.
- Increase the amount of economic and social information prepared for fishery regulations.
- Improve collection, processing and availability of observer data.



A Work in Progress

- NOAA Fisheries Service will present a work plan and accomplishments to date at the September Council meeting.
- Questions or Comments?