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# Allocation Project Update

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## Allocation of Fishery Resources

- Project to examine allocation issues across the Nation
  - All allocation issues, not just commercial / recreational
  - Identify issues, challenges, cautions, experiences of different stakeholders
    - Is additional guidance needed?
    - What other tools would be useful in addressing these issues?
- Why now?
  - Opportunity as stocks rebuild to look at allocation
  - Ongoing evaluation of fishery management policy
  - Contemporary issue before Councils, NMFS
  - National Catch Share Policy
  - Recreational Action Plan
  - Potential topic for “Managing our Nations Fisheries III”
- No predetermined Outcome



## Project Process

- Phased Project based on results of initial phase – currently in early stages of Phase I
- Focus on scoping of issues
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round of discussions with:
    - Council Chairs, Vice Chairs, Executive Directors
    - NMFS Regional Administrators
    - Select MAFAC members
    - Select others
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round of contacts based on other targeted groups, initial discussions, feedback from CCC, MAFAC
    - Regional Commissions/State agencies
    - Recreational, Commercial, and Environmental Stakeholders
    - Others suggested by interviewees



## Project Process, continued

- Public Input by web portal to solicit comments more broadly being explored
- Phase I products
  - Summary of interview results
  - Options for NMFS consideration
- Phase II
  - Implementation of accepted Phase I recommendations



## Preliminary Results

- Preliminary results
- Announcement/Outreach

Discussion?

Feedback?