

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC, Key West, Florida
May 24-26, 2011

1. Title of Discussion: **Managing Our Nations' Fisheries Conference III**

2. Discussion Leader: **Mark Holliday**, NMFS Office of Policy

3. Objective/Purpose: To identify a possible role and contributions of MAFAC to the conduct of the next Managing Fisheries conference in FY 2012

4. Background/Synopsis: Two previous national conferences on fisheries management have been funded by NOAA Fisheries and largely organized by the Regional Fishery Management Councils. *Managing our Nation's Fisheries II: Focus on the Future* was the second conference in a series designed to improve the management of marine fisheries in the United States. The first conference, held in November 2003, focused on regional fishery management programs, their successes, and remaining challenges for managing our marine fisheries resources. The goal of the 2005 conference was to focus on those challenges, as well as on key issues for reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and on recommendations from the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

See <http://www.managingfisheries.org/managingfisheries05.pdf>
<http://www.managingfisheries.org/opening.pdf>

Discussions have been initiated between NMFS and the Councils for the conduct of a third conference in FY2012. This may take the form of a single major conference or a series of workshops leading up to a major conference. A working group of four Council Executive Directors and four NMFS staff has been convened to discuss content, format, location and timing. They reported out at the May CCC meeting and their work will continue this summer. Given the upcoming MAFAC work on *Vision 2030*, there may be one or more MAFAC topics for inclusion in the design of the workshop, and this agenda item will explore MAFAC's interest and ideas.

5. Options listed from 1 to n:

1. MAFAC takes no action.
2. MAFAC assigns responsibility to a subcommittee or working group to collaborate with the Council-NMFS effort

6. Preferred Recommendation: TBD

Record of Decision:

Decision, Next Step(s) and/or Action:

Assigned to:

Due Date: