

## Annotated Agenda

### MAFAC Fall Meeting September 23-25, 2014 · Silver Spring, MD

1. **Agenda Item:**                   **Cost Recovery and Cost Sharing**
  
  2. **Presenter:**                    Doug Lipton, NOAA Fisheries Senior Scientist for Economics
  
  3. **Objective/Purpose (Discussion):** MAFAC has had an interest in the topic of cost recovery and cost sharing for some time. Members recognize that increasing demands for more data collection, science, stock assessments, monitoring, and management have not necessarily been matched by budget increases. Thus, the purpose of this presentation is to provide the necessary background for understanding the theory and practical examples of the economics of cost recovery in fisheries management. Examples of how cost recovery is handled in other countries will be presented, as well as a case study of a state example (State of Maryland).
  
  4. **Background/Synopsis:** In recent decades, fishery management programs around the world have evolved into complex scientific and policy driven operations which include data collection, scientific cruises, stock assessments, management council meetings, rule-making, and enforcement. This additional complexity has made fishery management more efficient and precise which benefits commercial and recreational fishermen and improves our management of the marine environment. Over time, these improvements have steadily increased administration and operational costs. Yet, as these needs continue to increase, the NOAA Fisheries' budget has been constricting in real dollars.  
  
Some examples of cost recovery and cost sharing exist in federally managed fisheries: under limited access privilege programs, the U.S. Government is allowed to collect up to 3% of ex-vessel value of fish harvested to help cover the management and administration of the fishery management program, and in some fisheries, industry directly pays for the provision of fishery management observers through 3<sup>rd</sup> party providers.
  
  5. **Options Listed from 1 to n:**    TBD
  
  6. **Preferred Recommendation:**   TBD
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