

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting, San Diego, CA
April 28-30, 2015

- 1. Title of Discussion:** National Standards – Proposed Revisions to NS1, 3, and 7
- 2. Presenters:** Wesley Patrick, Acting Branch Chief for Fisheries Policy, Office of Sustainable Fisheries
- 3. Objective/Purpose:** **Informational/Issue Update**

Purpose is to provide an update on the proposed rule to ensure MAFAC is aware it's a high priority for the Agency. MAFAC's early comments on the ANPR, engagement at the Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3, MSA comments and recreational fisheries white paper all helped to inform the development of the proposed rule, alongside other comments. No action is being requested at this time.

4. Background/Synopsis:

Overall, this proposed rule does not establish new requirements or require Councils to revise their current management plans; rather it offers additional clarity and potential flexibility on the following topics:

1. Increase flexibility in rebuilding programs within statutory limits.
2. Improve management of data limited stocks.
3. Clarify guidance on which stocks require conservation and management.
4. Enhance ecosystem approaches to management.
5. Provide more stability in annual catch limits.
6. Define depleted stocks.
7. Improve the routine review of management plans.

5. Options listed from 1 to n: N/A

6. Preferred Recommendation: N/A

Record of Decision:

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

Assigned to:

Due Date: