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# NOAA Fisheries Science Update

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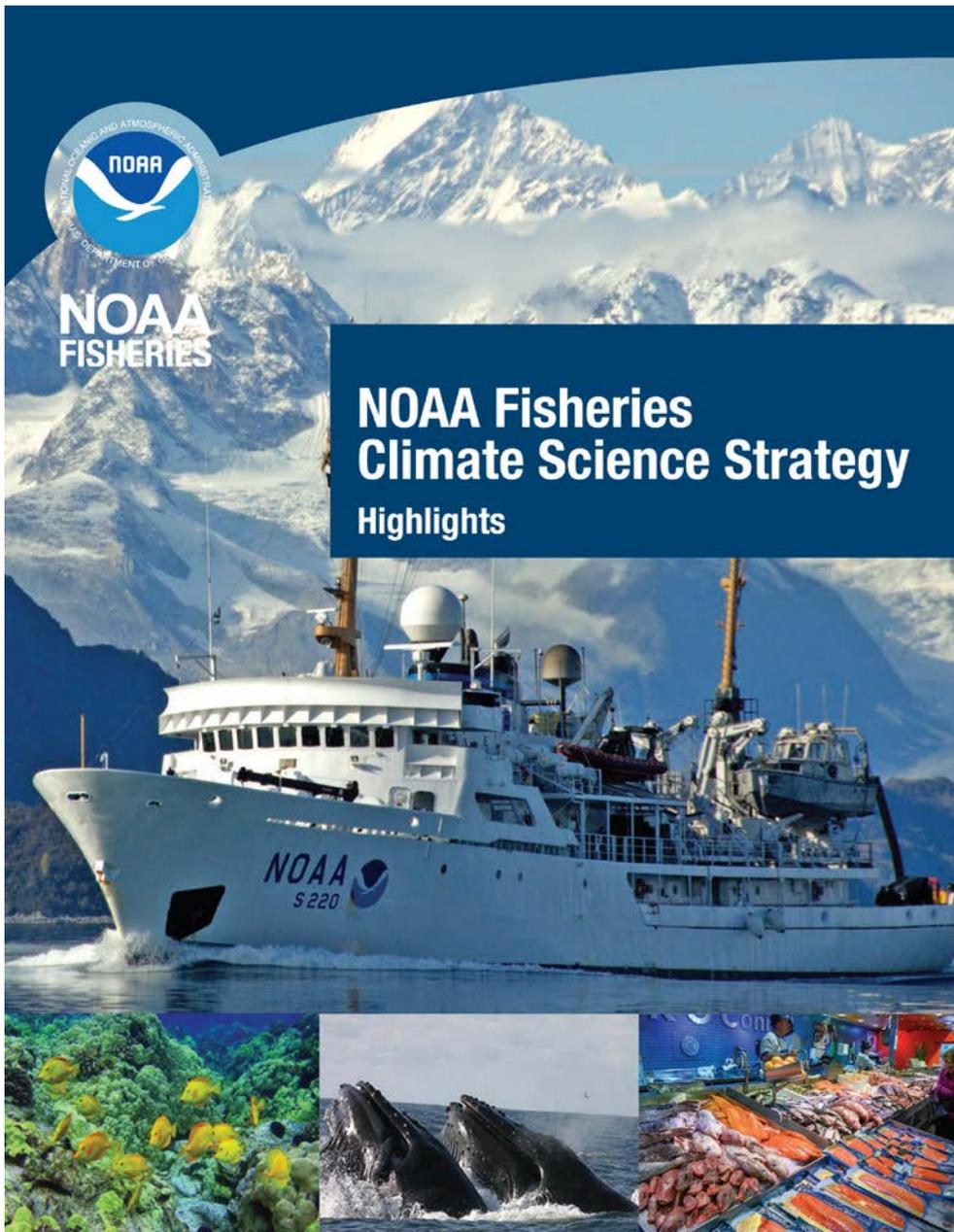
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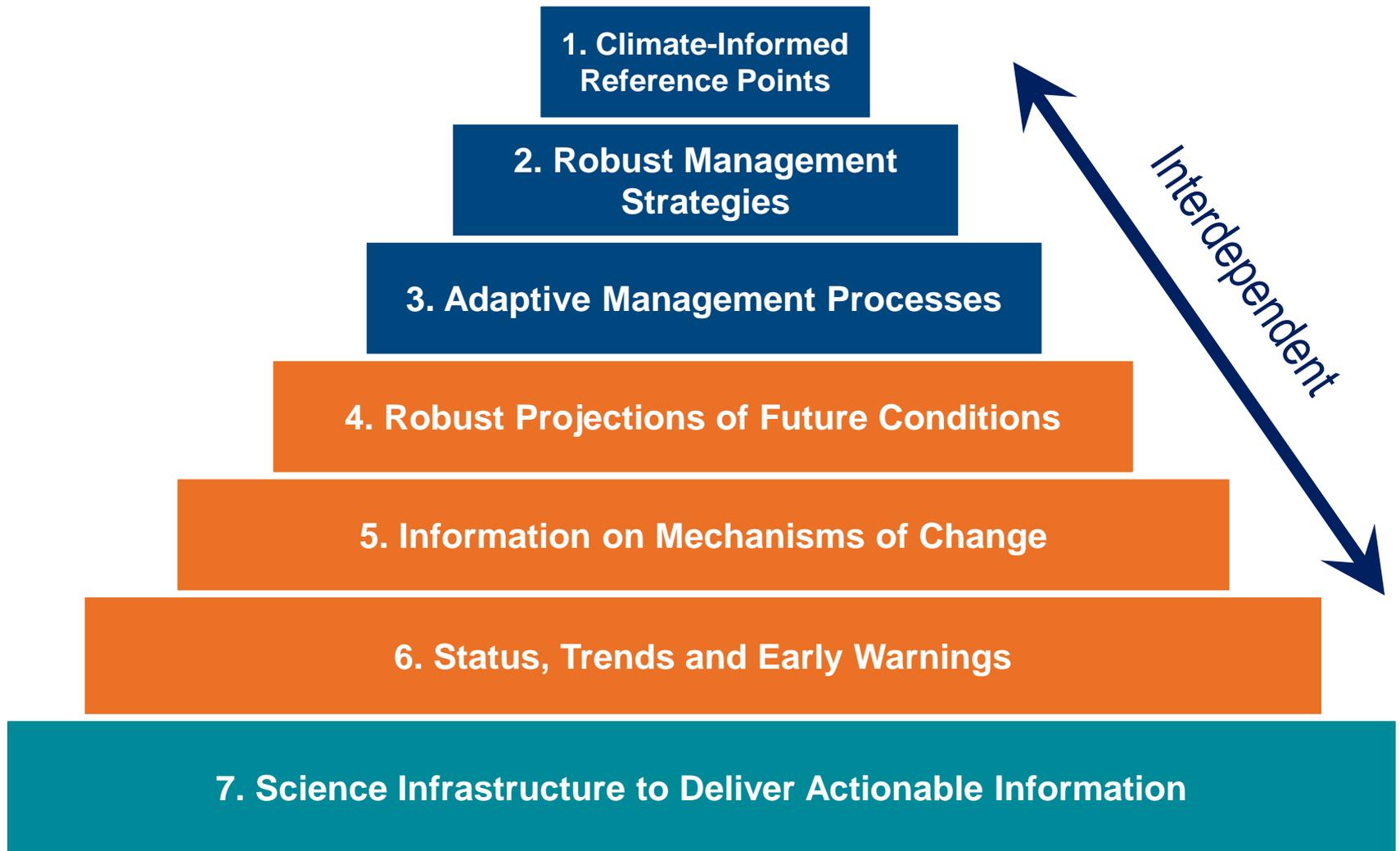
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# Update: NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy and Regional Action Plans



**Goal:**  
**Increase the production, delivery and use of climate-related information**  
**In fulfilling NOAA Fisheries mandates**

# NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy

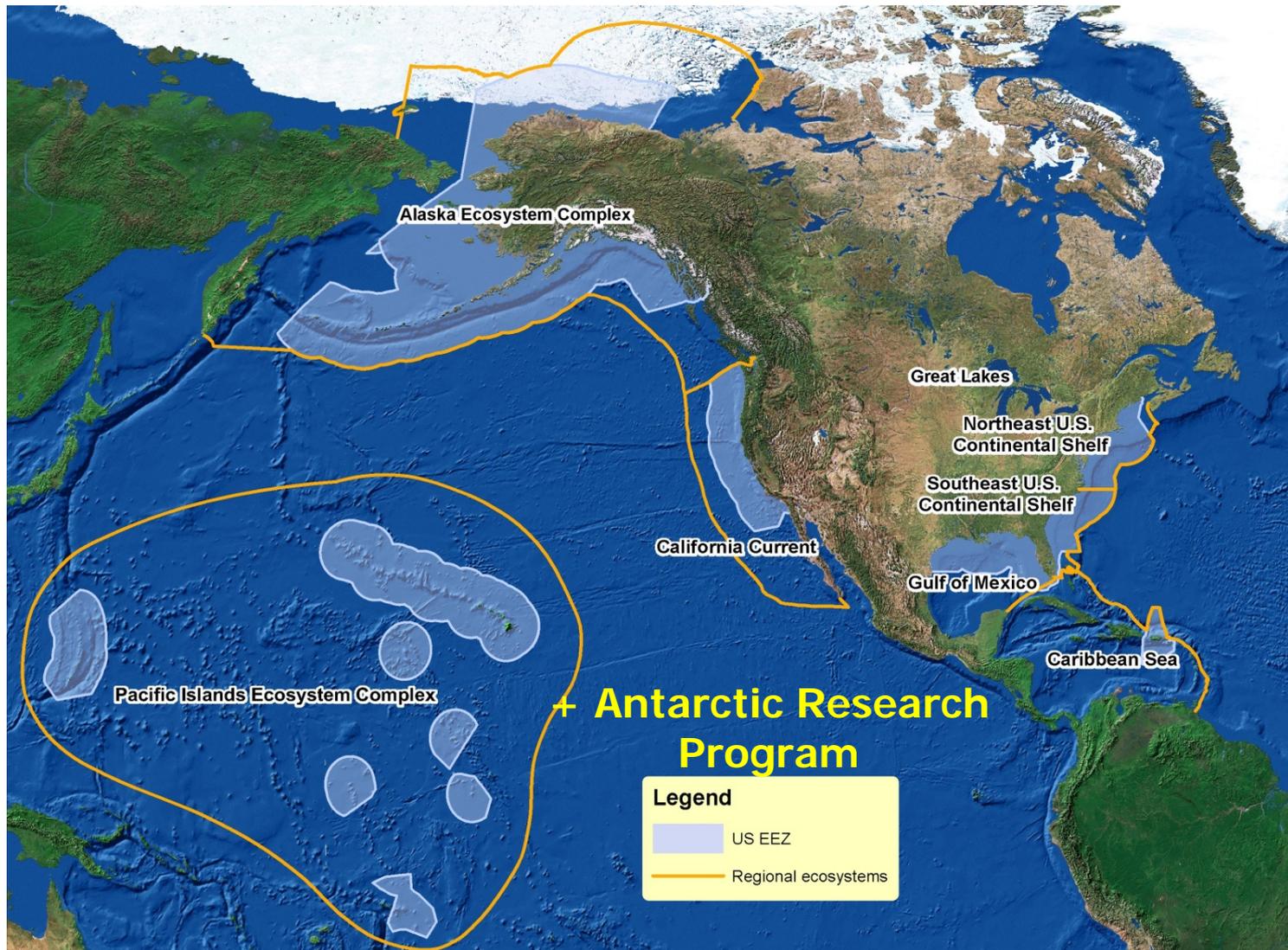


# Regional Action Plans

- Regional Action Plans customize implementation of the NCSS in each region.
- Developed with Regional Offices, Councils/Commissions and other key partners.
- Seeking input now thru summer 2016. Reviewed in Center's Ecosystem Science Program reviews
- Finalize by October 1, 2016.



# Regional Action Plans Underway



# Update: Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management

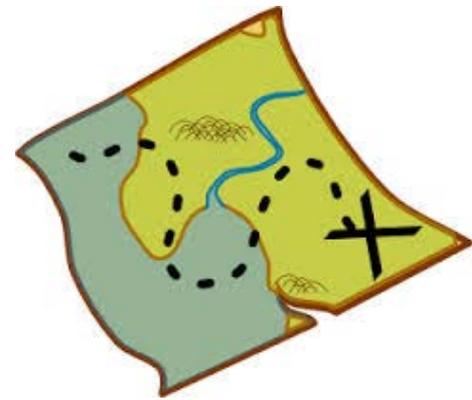
# Status of EBFM Policy

- Draft was open for public comment Sept-Dec 2015
- Comments from Councils, 30 Organizations and Individuals.
- Main Comments Received:
  - NMFS should provide more guidance on OY
  - What are the budget/resource implications of EBFM?
  - What is the geographic scale and scope of EBFM?
- Final Policy in late Spring 2016



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# Purpose of EBFM Road Map



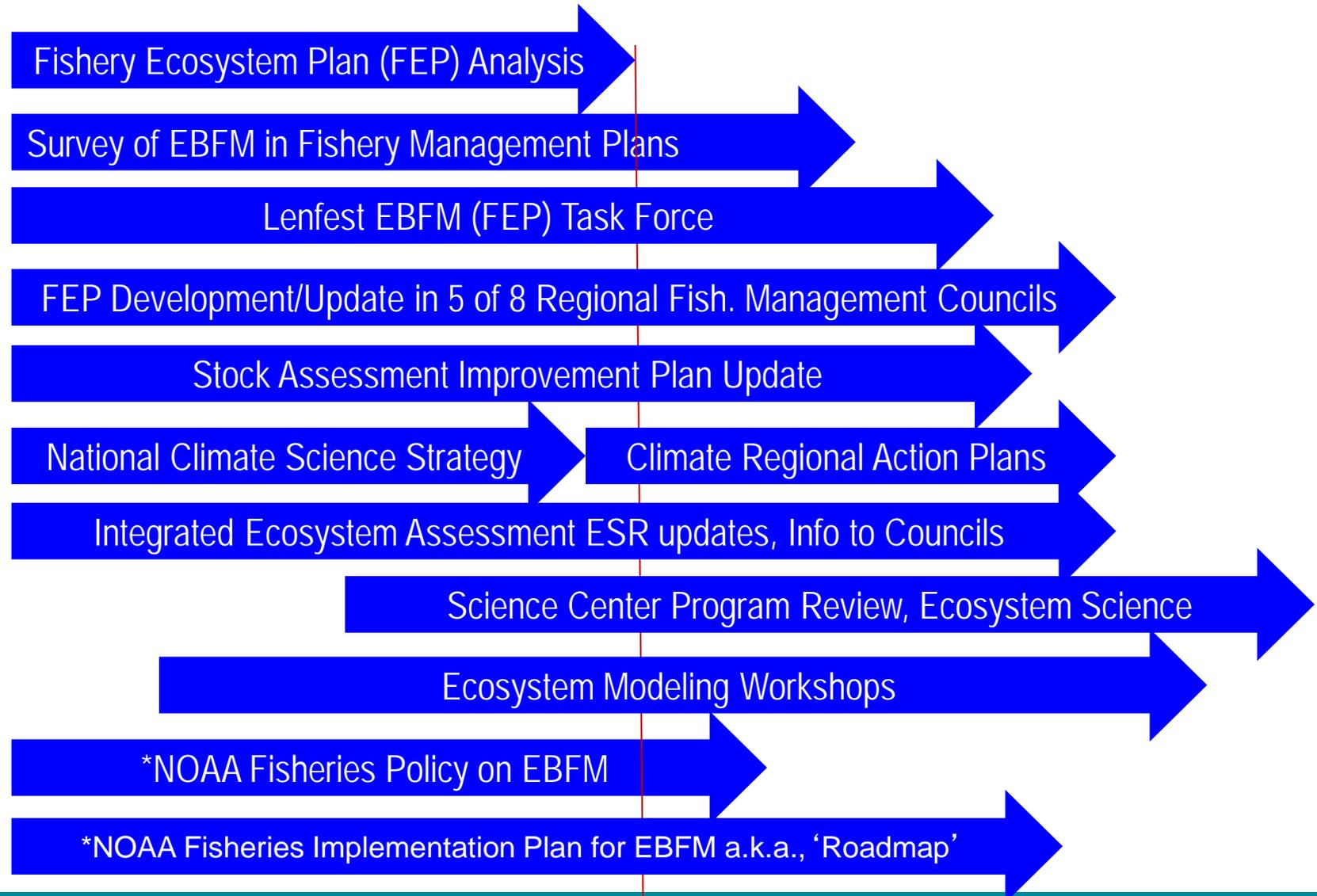
- Guides implementation of the Final EBFM Policy
- Incorporates the menu of options for implementation and benchmarks for NMFS

## Key Questions:

- What does successful EBFM look like?
- What do we need for successful implementation of EBFM?
- How do we measure completion and success of EBFM?



# Status of Some Elements of the Roadmap





# EBFM Summary



- NOAA Fisheries is committed to EBFM
- The Roadmap will serve as a guide for implementation of the EBFM Policy
- We will continue dialogue with Councils and other stakeholders