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Office of Sustainable Fisheries Strategic Plan Development

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Agenda

- Describe strategic planning efforts within NOAA Fisheries, including the process for the Office of Sustainable Fisheries (SF)
- Overview of timeline for strategic plan development
- Describe opportunities for your input

Strategic Planning

- All NOAA Fisheries Regional Offices and the Headquarters Regulatory Programs offices (Protected Resources, Habitat Conservation, Aquaculture, and Sustainable Fisheries) will complete a strategic plan by the end of FY 2015
 - Five-year (2016 – 2020)
- Nested under the Department of Commerce Strategic Plan, NOAA Annual Guidance, NMFS Priorities Document

Strategic Planning

- Articulate what we want to accomplish in the next five years and determine the strategies that will help us meet our goals
- We will be incorporating input from partners and stakeholders in our plan
- While the plan will be made public, the audience for the plan is internal – the staff of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries

Office of Sustainable Fisheries

Directorate

Office leadership and all administrative functions for internal operations, including personnel, contracts, IT, etc.

Highly Migratory Species Division

Management of tunas, billfish, swordfish, and sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean

Domestic Fisheries Division

National domestic fisheries policy, Magnuson Act implementation

Regulatory Services Division

Clearance of fisheries regulations, including liaison to Federal register, Council coordination and training

National Seafood Inspection Laboratory

Seafood analysis, seafood safety policy and response, trade tracking and documentation



Timeline

- Informing staff and partners about our process and gathering input now
- Sharing a draft with other regions and partners through the summer
- Strategic Plan due by the end of September

Preliminary Input

- Questions to consider
 - What should our goals be relative to Atlantic HMS?
 - What are some possible strategies to reach those goals?
 - What changes do you anticipate in the next five years?
 - How will your needs and the needs of the fishing community change?
 - What will you and the fishing community need in the next five years - both new and continuing?
 - How do we measure our progress toward our goals?

Questions?

