

Working Through the FMP Process

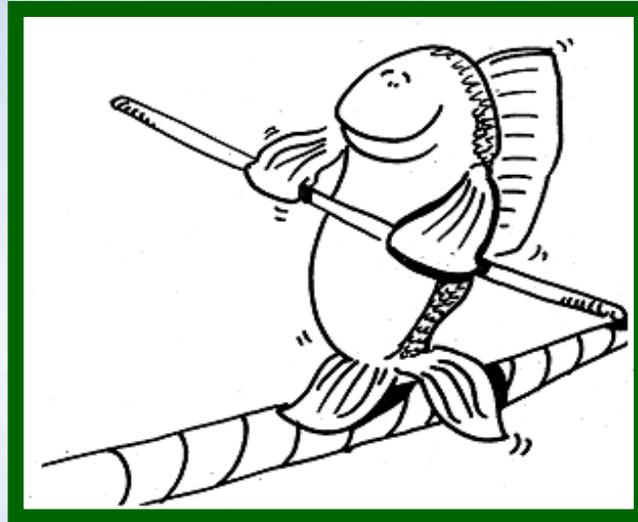


**Council Member
Orientation**

**Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2006
Washington, D.C.**

Need for Planning

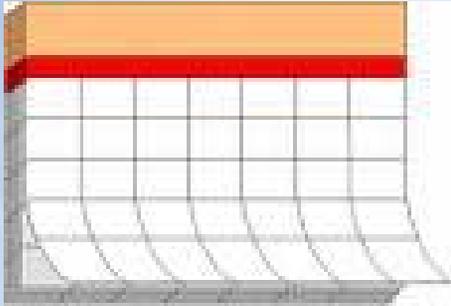
Many Parties



Many Timelines

Many Mandates

Planning Considerations



- Council meeting schedule
- Management Need
- MSA and O.A.L.s
- Deadlines and drivers
- Logistics
- Staff Resources
- Other agency review needs

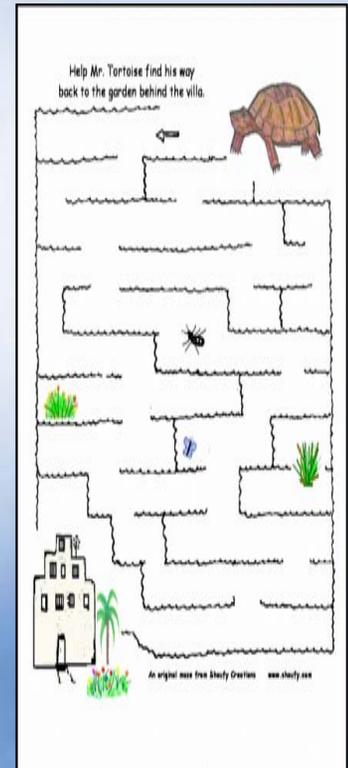
Regulatory Streamlining Project

- **Eliminate Unnecessary delays**
- **Eliminate Unpredictable outcomes**
- **Increase accountability**
- **Apply standardized practices**
- **Improve the quality of regulatory decisions**
- **Improve the likelihood of success in litigation**



History of RSP

- 1994: Management Control Review
- 1996: Charter Team
- 1999: Council Chairs' Recommendations
- 2000: Beginning of series of fishery injunctions; Administrator's Fund Project
- 2001: Congressional Direction
- 2002: NAPA Report
- 2002: NOAA Fisheries Report to Congress (RSP)
- 2003: RSP Implementation begins



Draft OGs: What are they?



- A Philosophical Document
- Suggested Approach for cooperative relationship between NOAA Fisheries and Councils
- Useful information

OGs: Philosophy and Approach

- **Teamwork**
- **Cooperation and Coordination**
- **Joint Ownership/
Shared Responsibility**



Frontloading

“the active participation of all regional, science center, and Council staff in key responsibilities (e.g., sustainable fisheries, protected resources, habitat, economics, legal review) at the early stages of fishery management action development -- a “no-surprises” approach”

The Quality-Based Model

- Not Mandatory
- New concepts and terms
- Quid pro quo if followed
- Fulfills RSP objective of using a quality-based system



New Terminology and Concepts

- **Critical Feedback Points**
- **Action Plan**
- **“Adequate and Complete”/“Legally Sufficient”**
- **Fishery Management Action Team**
- **Consultation Assessment**



The OGs Table: a Planning Tool

16 Steps in 4 Phases

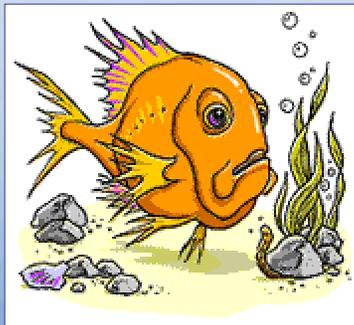
- Who
- Standards
- Timing Issues
- Documentation
- Additional Considerations (comments)

Step	Who	Stnds	Time	Doc.
1				
2				
3				

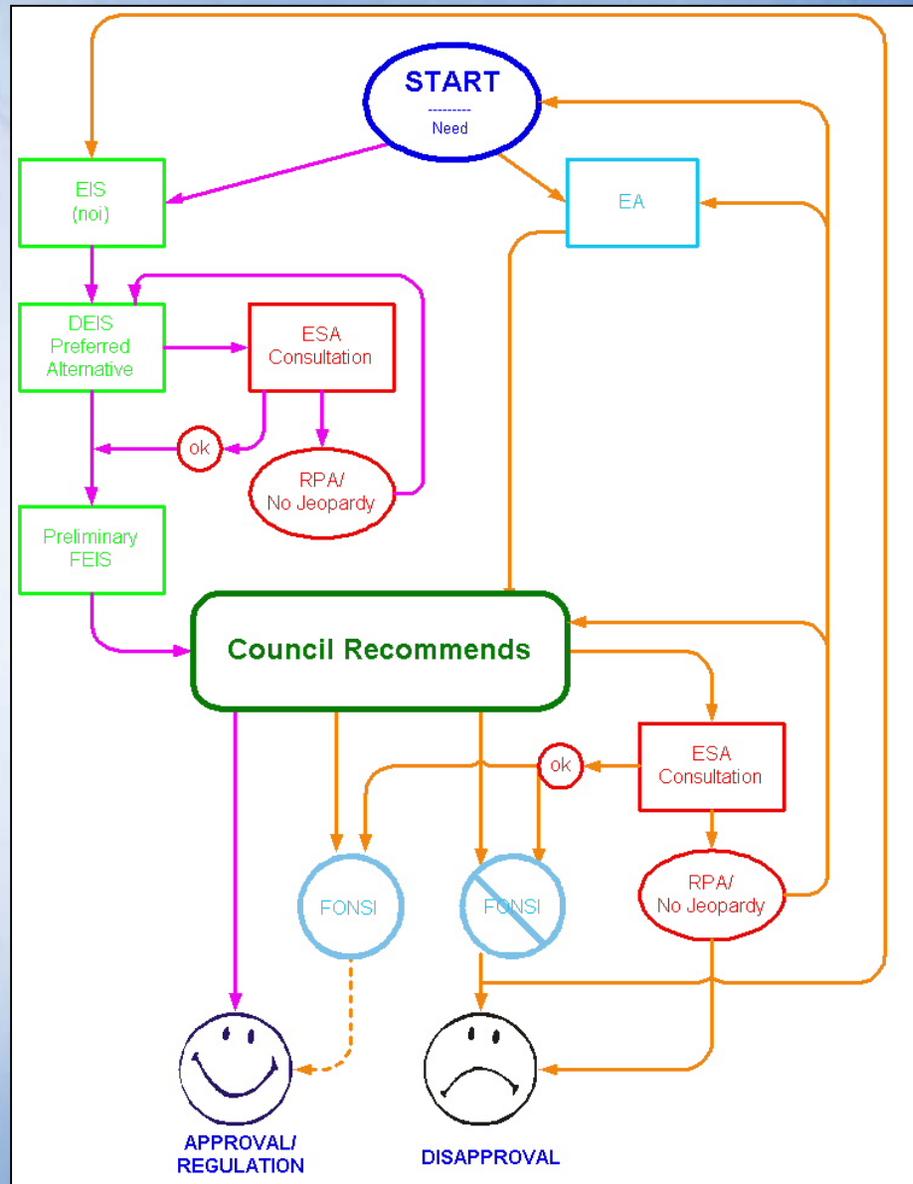
Use with or without Model

The Steps

1. Planning and Scoping
2. Initial Draft/Action Plan
3. Frontloading
4. Preferred Alternative, DEIS
(a) - (c) consultations
5. File DEIS
6. Public Comment on DEIS
7. Council vote to recommend
8. Council Staff finalization
9. Agency Preparations
10. Transmit
11. Publish Proposal
12. RA-Decision 1
13. AA- Decision 1
14. RA- Decision 2
15. AA- Decision 2
16. Publish final decision



Frontloading



Joint Planning and ROA's

- **OGs Describe general roles and responsibilities**



- **Provide for individual region/Council variations**

OGs: Next Steps

- **Hogarth Letter, August 26, 2005**
- **Collaboration**
 - ROAs
 - Joint Planning
- **Try out the model where practicable**
 - Test basis
 - Resource constraints
 - ID strengths and weaknesses
- **Living Document**

Limitations

- **No matter how much we plan, some things will remain beyond our control, such as dealing with OMB and FWS, etc.**
- **Plan with buffers where possible**
- **Advance communication helps**

Review

Many Mandates, Many Parties



Planning and Communication

= Achieving our Fishery Management goals

