

UPDATE ON ALLOCATION PROJECT

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Purpose

**a scoping process to identify
allocation issues through
interviews with fishery
management leaders throughout
the nation**

**This information will be
compiled and used by NMFS
leadership to determine next
steps**

114 INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEWS BY REGION

INTERVIEWS PER STATE, TERRITORY, JURISDICTION

- Western Pacific 0.7**
- North Pacific 4.3**
- Pacific 6.0**
- Caribbean 1.5**
- Gulf of Mexico 1.8**
- South Atlantic 5.0**
- Mid Atlantic 3.3**
- New England 4.2**

FINDINGS

(G. LAPOINTE OPINION)

- **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**
- **INCREASED BIOLOGICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH**
- **COMPILATION OF ALLOCATION SYSTEMS, DECISIONS**
- **ALLOCATION REVIEW PERIOD**
- **ALLOCATION ISSUE GUIDANCE OR CHECKLIST**
- **NATIONAL STANDARD 4 GUIDELINES – NO REVISION**

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- **MUCH INTEREST IN ISSUE, WIDE ARRAY OF OPINIONS, DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING**
- **Options**
 - **BROAD STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT BY NMFS**
 - **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT BY COUNCILS**

BIOLOGICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

- **BIOLOGICAL DATA FOR BASIC MANAGEMENT**
- **SOCIAL SCIENCES DATA TO ASSIST WITH ALLOCATION DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS**
 - **NEED AT NMFS AND COUNCILS**
 - **DEVELOP NEW TOOLS FOR ALLOCATION CHOICES**

COMPILATION OF ALLOCATION SYSTEMS, DECISIONS BY COUNCILS

- **INTEREST IN KNOWING WHAT'S BEEN TRIED, IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER AREAS**
- **COMPILED IN ONE LOCATION, READILY AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND USE**

ALLOCATION REVIEW PERIOD

- **CONSIDER EXPLICIT REVIEW PERIOD WHEN IMPLEMENTING OR CHANGING ALLOCATIONS**
- **HELP MANAGE EXPECTATIONS, CONCERNS ABOUT**
 - **BUSINESS PLANNING STABILITY**
 - **DESIRE FOR CHANGE**
- **LANGUAGE REGARDING PERCEIVED PERMANENCE OF ALLOCATIONS**

ALLOCATION ISSUE CHECKLIST

- **CHECKLIST OF ISSUES FOR USE WHEN CONSIDERING AN ALLOCATION SYSTEM**
- **E.G. ACCUMULATION LIMITS, CREW, COMMUNITIES, SMALL VESSELS**
- **FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PUBLIC**

NATIONAL STANDARD 4 GUIDANCE

- **DO NOT SEE NEED TO REVISE**
- **MEANS OF ALLOCATING**
 - **HISTORY**
 - **VALUE**
 - **OTHER METHODS?**
- **OTHER METHODS OF ALLOCATION NEED TO BE EXPLORED**

NEXT STEPS

- **INCORPORATE INPUT FROM CCC**
- **FINALIZE REPORT TO NMFS**