

## MANAGING OUR NATION'S FISHERIES 3 National Conference

### *Current Refinements in Conference Purpose Statement, Session Themes, and Focus Topics*

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### Managing Our Nations Fisheries III: *Advancing Sustainability*

Conference Purpose Statement: The purpose of this conference is to elevate the discussion of current, developing concepts on the sustainability of United States marine fishery management, towards possible future use in improving contemporary practices. The conference will examine three theme areas of current relevance, each of which focuses on policy, science, and process issues associated with three highly germane topic areas. It is intended that findings that emerge from this national conference regarding advancing sustainable fishery management practices be considered for policy changes in current regulatory approaches or Magnuson –Stevens Act reauthorization legislation, as appropriate.

### Session Themes and Focus Topics

	<u>Improving Fishery Management Essentials</u>	<u>Advancing Ecosystem-based Decision Making</u>	<u>Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability</u>
1	ACL Science and Implementation Issues, including Managing Data Poor Stocks	Habitat Blueprint Program Implications 	Proper Assessment of Socio-Economic Tradeoffs
2	<b>Rebuilding Program Requirements and Timelines;</b>  Environmental Review Process Issues (reconciling MSA and NEPA)	Forage Species Protection	Integrating Community Protection, Jobs Emphasis, and Food Quality Assurances
3	International Fisheries Management: Leveling the Playing Field	Proper Integration of Climate Change, including Integrated Ecosystem Assessments	Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Connections

#### **Legal Impediments and Best Process Approaches**

Description of theme 1 and session sub topics (with a narrative purpose of clearly defining boundaries separating this theme from the other two themes).

Description of theme 2 and session sub topics (with a narrative purpose of clearly defining boundaries separating this theme from the other two themes).

Description of theme 3 and session sub topics (with a narrative purpose of clearly defining boundaries separating this theme from the other two themes).