

Summary of CCC May 1-3 2012, Outcome Statements and Recommendations



ESA Jeopardy Determination in Fisheries Management

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Formation of RFMC/NMFS/MAFAC Working Group (WG)	WG formed and met through conf calls in January and February	WG Continue to discuss how Councils can be better integrated into BiOp process
Letter to Jane Lubchenco dated May 18, 2012	Response letter dated July 26, 2012	NMFS F/PR to develop recommendations policy and guidance for increased transparency stakeholder involvement in BiOps

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning

Action	Response	Comments Outcomes
Letter sent to Co-Chairs of National Ocean Council, Nancy Sutley and John Holdren on may 28, 2013	No response, to date: Letter requested: Greater Council representation on NOC Regional Planning Bodies (RPBs) CMSP process not reduce NMFS core funding Supported SSC members on RPBs	WPRFMC Staff following up with additional letter

Stock Assessments

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Letter sent to Sam Rauch dated May 29, 2012	Response letter dated July 24, 2012	Issue was use of advanced technology for stock assessment versus regular sampling and data collection and equitable distribution of stock assessment funds across Science Centers

National SSC Working Group

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Letter sent to Sam Rauch dated May 29, 2012	Response letter dated August 15, 2012	NMFS suggests CCC modify its TORs and establish a National SSC as a subcommittee of the CCC

Five Year Research Priorities

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Letter sent to Sam Rauch dated May 29, 2012	Response letter dated July 23, 2012	NMFs and Councils on different 5-year cycles. Letter suggests better use of NMFS members of SSCs, to facilitate Council-Center communication, and presentation of Science Center Plans to SSCs for comment

International Fisheries Management

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Letter sent to Sam Rauch dated may 29, 2012	Response letter dated October 15, 2012	Letter explains operational details of Moratorium Protection Act (Act) in listing IUU fishing nations through a Biennial Report to Congress. CCC noted no countries listed in 2009 Report which is at odds with what is known about countries exporting seafood to the US

Budget

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
No action taken	N/A	N/A

Communications

Item	Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
<p>Potential meeting of RFMC communications staff on margins of Feb 2013 CCC meeting</p>			<p>Did not eventuate</p>
<p>MONF 3</p>	<p>A MONF 3 communications committee has been holding weekly conference calls</p>	<p>Press release schedule. Database, Cvent site and twitter accounts developed</p>	<p>Ongoing up to and following MONF3</p>
<p>Councils ensure linkage of their websites to US RFMC website</p>	<p>Letter sent to Kate Naughten dated May 17, 2012</p>	<p>Response received by email from Laura Bryant on June 12, 2012</p>	<p>Email indicated that the NMFS RFMC webpage will contain a link to the Councils' webpage and will inform F/SF of the link</p>

Communications contd.

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Improve Council communications regionally and nationally	Email (response to Laurel Bryant June 12 email) sought examples of regional efforts	Email response from Laurel Bryant with examples of marine education initiatives	Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMFS SERO, SAFMC, GFMC Marine Resource Education Program • SAFMC collaboration with SERO and States of NC, SC, GA & FL on fishery dependent data collection
MONF 3	Concurrence at CCC meeting on three themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Fishery Management Essentials • Advancing Ecosystem-based Decision Making • Fishing Community Sustainability 	MONF 3 preparations well advanced	WPRFMC reviewed Session 1 Focus Topics and volunteered to rapporteur Session 1

Electronic Monitoring

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Letters sent to each RFMC seeking nomination for a person to serve on CCC Electronic Monitoring Sub-committee	To date only four Councils have forwarded nominations	Four Councils need to forward nominations. Councils waiting on six whitepapers from NMFS, supposed to be prepared in advance of February CCC meeting

Consultation with GAO on Moving NMFS into the USFWS

Action	Response	Comments/ Outcomes
Letter sent to GAO dated February 11, 2013	N/A	N/A

National Standard 1 ANPR

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CCC meeting requested additional time for transmitting comments	NMFS agreed to roll back date for response to September 15, 2012	WPRFMC submitted comments on all 10 items in ANPR NMFS to provide update to CCC, including information about the comments received and future steps