



NOAA
FISHERIES

NOAA Fisheries Science Program Reviews

Richard Merrick
Chief Science Advisor, NMFS

February 21, 2013

Summary

- Objective of Reviews
- Topics of Reviews
- Dates of Program Reviews
- A general Review overview
- Strategic planning

Objectives

- Review and evaluate each Center's current scientific capability on a defined, national topic
- Provide advice to the Center on the direction and quality of its science,
- Provide recommendations for improvement, and
- Synthesize results nationally

Topics

- Year 1: Data Collection and Management under MSA
- Year 2: Stock Assessments under MSA
- Year 3: Protected Resource Science
- Year 4: Climate/Ecosystem Science
- Year 5: Economics/Social Sciences
- Year 6 and beyond: Repeat

Year One Review

Fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data as it relates to fishery stock assessments conducted pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act:

- NOAA ship-based surveys
- Cooperative research surveys
- Logbook and observer data
- Data management and quality control

Dates

- AKFSC - May 20
- SWFSC – August 19*
- PIFSC - June 23
- SEFSC - June 3
- NWFSC - Mar 25
- NEFSC – August 5

*Dates may still shift somewhat

General Review Structure

- **5 Panelists:** Ideally, 3 external to NOAA, one Science Center Director, and one from another NOAA Line Office
- **Duration:** 3-5 days with a completed draft at the end of the review. Individual reports from each reviewer and chair, as well as a summary report from the chair.
- **Transparency:** Reviews are open to the public to attend. Panel discussions are conducted in private.
- **Products:** A Final summary report will be posted on Center and NOAA Websites.

A Final Note on Strategic Planning

- Strategic planning within each Center requires input from partners, especially the Councils.
- These reviews are critical to constantly improving our science and meeting the needs of our partners.
- We encourage you to provide comments and work closely with the Science Centers as they vet their strategic plans this year and in the future



Questions?



NOAA FISHERIES