

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries

Advancing Sustainability

Conference Purpose Statement, Session Themes, and Focus Topics

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, each of which focuses on policy, science, and process issues associated with three germane topic areas of high current interest. Findings that emerge from this national conference regarding advancing sustainable fishery management practices could be considered for changes to current policy or regulatory approaches developed at Regional Fishery Management Councils or implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service, or legislative changes via reauthorization of the Magnuson –Stevens Act, as appropriate.

Session Themes and Focus Topics

	Improving Fishery Management Essentials	Advancing Ecosystem-based Decision-making	Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability
1	ACL Science and Implementation Issues, including Managing Data-Limited Stocks	Assessing Ecosystem Effects and Integrating Climate Change	Recreational and Subsistence Fishery Connections
2	Rebuilding Program Requirements and Timelines	Forage Species Management	Integrating Community Protection, Jobs Emphasis, and Domestic Seafood Quality Assurances
3	International Fisheries Management: Leveling the Playing Field	Integrating Habitat Considerations: Opportunities and Impediments	Assessment of Socio-Economic Tradeoffs