

# SOPP Improvement Project

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- I. SOPP Review
- II. Updating of 50 CFR 600
- III. Procedures for SOPP Amendment Approvals

# I. SOPP Review

- Review all the SOPPs.
- Identify/develop an instructive model.
- Provide references and advice.
- Use the model to assess/improve all SOPPs.

# SOPP Review – Initial Feedback

- Functionally okay, but needing detailed improvements
- Be concise – Range from 13 – 93(!) pages.
- By-laws of the Council – just the basics to demonstrate compliance with MSFCMA, grants, acquisition, employment, and related laws.
- Use supplements for details or material subject to frequent change.

# SOPP Review – Initial Feedback

- New requirements – FLSA, FMLA, ADA, etc.
- Reference changes – *e.g.*, OMB circulars now in regulations.
- Adopt by reference 3rd party requirements or regulations.
- Updating of DOC, NOAA, & NMFS Orders/Instructions.

# II. Updating the Uniform Standards

## 50 CFR 600

- Subpart A – General, definitions
- Subpart B – Councils – Operations and Management
- Subpart C – Councils – Membership

# III. SOPP Amendment Approval Process

- Need a clear process *within* NOAA to overcome tracking/response problems.
- Councils submit SOPPs to ROs, highlighting changes.
- Procedure modeled on RO's & HQ's handling of simple regulatory actions.

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