Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Update on SCS8 Workshop Planning

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SCS 8th National Workshop

Applying ABC Control Rules in a Changing Environment

August 26-28, 2024

Seaport Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts

Located next to the

Boston Fish Pier

est. 1910

listed on

National Register of Historic Places

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Agenda under development

Applying ABC control rules in a changing environment

Potential sub-themes:

- Changes that regions have already experienced and what can be learned from management responses (noting not all changes may be perceived as adverse).

- Use of social science to understand (1) the potential for control rules to achieve management goals, and (2) how fisheries and fishing communities can adapt to dynamic conditions.

- Use of alternate reference points, indicators, and analyses under data constraints (e.g. in the absence of analytical assessments).

- Identifying whether stocks are experiencing cyclic or directional change in productivity and/or distribution to inform the setting of reference time periods, stock status determination criteria, and rebuilding plans.

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Potential workshop structure:

- Two keynote speakers for broad perspectives across subthemes.

- For each subtheme:

  - "Round robin" sessions where members of each SSC report on regional experiences and approaches.

  - Explore case studies in depth.

  - Breakout sessions for in-depth discussion, with reporting to full group.

  - Generate ideas for actionable next steps.

- Identify cross-cutting outcomes across subthemes

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Logistics under development

- Developing budget for three-day workshop.
- Aiming for four attendees from each region, a few NMFS Headquarters staff, a few local Council members.
  - Similar to prior SCS workshops.
  - Allows for in-depth discussion and development of actionable recommendations.
- Once subthemes are finalized:
  - Identify keynote speakers, presenters, case studies to explore.
  - Develop meeting format and timing, balancing presentation with discussion.
- Planning for an in-person workshop, with listen-only webinar during plenary sessions.

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CCC tasking in May 2023

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Ahead of workshop

- Increase engagement by SSCs.
  - Allow time on SSC agendas for updates.
  - Seek input from SSCs.
- Assign attendees with more preparatory work, like identifying case studies to present.
- Plan time for regional discussion of final outcomes at future SSC and Council meetings.

During workshop

- Develop actionable guidance for SSCs on how to best support Councils in managing fisheries within non-stationary systems.
- Bucket outcomes/next steps by
  - Who? (Regions, NMFS, etc.)
  - When? (short or long-term)
- Allot time for synthesis throughout the workshop

Note: Several SSCs are already engaging ahead and afterwards; more would be helpful.

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After workshop

- Distribute work of final report writing across the SCS to speed completion.

- Proactively report outcomes, don't assume report is read and understood.

  - SCS prepare summary presentation to enhance dissemination of workshop findings and recommendations.

  - Present outcomes to SSCs and Councils, potentially develop region-specific recommendations (or bundling, e.g. South Atlantic and Gulf regions).

- Encourage continued discussion of outcomes within regions; need continued Council staff/SSC time to support outreach, dialogue, and uptake.

- Post presentations/recordings on CCC/SCS website.

Does the CCC have other ideas for improved use of SCS recommendations?

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