

**2015 National SSC Workshop
Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, HI**

Agenda

**“Providing ABC specifications in the face of uncertainty:
from data to climate and ecosystems”**

Day 1 23-February 2015 (Monday)

Time:		Speaker/Leader
0830	Welcome remarks Introductions	Kitty Simonds Charles Daxboeck
0845	<i>Plenary Session: Quantifying uncertainties in stock assessment in a variable environment</i>	Eric Schwaab (to invite)

Round Robin Session: Evaluation of the current ABC control rules (with emphasis on how much ecosystem consideration was incorporated in the specification process – from NSSC-IV)

0945	NPFMC	Pat Livingston
0955	WPFMC	Robert Skillman
1005	Morning Break	
1025	PFMC	Meisha Key
1035	GMFMC	William Patterson
1045	CFMC	Richard Appeldoorn
1055	SAFMC	Luiz Barbieri
1105	MAFMC	John Boreman
1115	NEFMC	Jacob Kritzer
1125	NMFS	Rick Methot

1135 “Priming the pump” – Preliminary Q&A to the presenters

1200 Lunch Break

1320 *Subtheme 1: Evaluating existing ABC control rules: issues, challenges and solution*
Plenary Discussion 1: Trigger Question set 1
Session facilitator: TBD
Rapporteurs: TBD

1420 *Plenary Session: Evaluating efficacy of the data-limited methods*
Speakers: Andrew Rosenberg / Tom Caruthers (to invite)

1520 Afternoon Break

Round Robin Session: Setting ABCs in data-limited / model-resistant situations (with emphasis on problems in the specification process for stocks with sparse to no data or with data but not useable for existing modeling framework)

1540	NPFMC	Pat Livingston
1550	WPFMC	Robert Skillman
1600	PFMC	Meisha Key
1610	GMFMC	William Patterson

1620	CFMC	Richard Appeldoorn
1630	SAFMC	Luiz Barbieri
1640	MAFMC	John Boreman
1650	NEFMC	Jacob Kritzer
1700	NMFS – “Stock assessment prioritization tool”	Rick Methot

1710 “Priming the pump” – Preliminary Q&A to the presenters

1730 Adjourn for the day

Day 2 24-February 2015 (Tuesday)

0830 Recap and summary of previous discussion Charles Daxboeck

0840 ***Subtheme 2a: ABC specification for data-limited and model-resistant stocks***
Plenary Discussion 2a: Trigger Question set 2a
Session facilitator: TBD
Rapporteurs: TBD

0940 ***Plenary Session: National Standard 2 in determining best-scientific information available***
Speakers: TBD

1040 Morning Break

1100 ***Subtheme 2b: Implementation of National Standard 2 in the face of uncertainties***
Plenary Discussion 2b: Trigger Question set 2b
Session facilitator: TBD
Rapporteurs: TBD

1200 Lunch Break

1320 ***Plenary Session: Incorporating ecological, environmental and climate change considerations into stock assessments***
Speakers: Jeffrey Polovina / Jason Link (to invite)

1420 ***Subtheme 3.a: Incorporating ecological, environmental, and climate variability in the ABC specification process [broaden the scope to fishery management in general]***
Plenary Discussion 3.a: Trigger Question set 3.a.
Session facilitator: TBD
Rapporteurs: TBD

1520 Adjourn for the day

Day 3 25-February 2015

0830 Recap and summary of previous discussion Charles Daxboeck

0840 ***Plenary Session: Linkages of spatial management and habitat conservation in fishery management strategies***
Speakers: TBD

0940 ***Subtheme 3.b: Building spatial management and habitat condition in the ABC specification process [broaden the scope to fishery management in general]***
Plenary Discussion 3.b: Trigger Question set 3.b.

Session facilitator: TBD
Rapporteurs: TBD

1040

Coffee/tea break

1515

Further discussions

1530

Closing remarks

Charles Daxboeck

Steering Committee Meets to Wrap Up

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Subtheme 1: Evaluating existing ABC control rules: issues, challenges and solution

- i.
- ii.

Subtheme 2a: ABC specification for data-limited and model-resistant stocks

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- ii.

Subtheme 2b: Implementation of National Standard 2 in the face of uncertainties

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- ii.

Subtheme 3.a: Incorporating ecological, environmental, and climate variability in the ABC specification process [broaden the scope to fishery management in general]

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Subtheme 3.b: Building spatial management and habitat condition in the ABC specification process [broaden the scope to fishery management in general]

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TRIGGER QUESTIONS

Subtheme 1: Evaluating existing ABC control rules: issues, challenges and solution

- i. How are sources of uncertainties accounted for in your respective ABC specifications?
- ii. What are the lessons learned from the previous ABC specification? Problems and innovative solutions
- iii. What are the various risk policies developed by each Councils?
- iv. How can the Councils take advantage of Management Strategy Evaluation approach to evaluate the performance of the existing control rules?

Subtheme 2a: ABC specification for data-limited and model-resistant stocks

- i. How does each SSC deal with grouping species into complexes and what methods are used to determine OFL and ABCs?
- ii. How can we use socio-economic information in lieu of /or in combination with biological information in the OFL-ACL continuum especially in data limited situations?
- iii.

Subtheme 2b: Implementation of National Standard 2 in the face of uncertainties

- i. Who should make the decision regarding what constitutes the best scientific information available?
- ii. Are the only-available data the best-available data?
- iii. What are the best practices in each region to determining what the best-scientific information available is?
- iv. Who is in charge of generating the SAFE reports and how can this feed into the broader discussion on best-scientific-information-available?

Subtheme 3.a: Incorporating ecological, environmental and climate variability in the ABC specification process [broaden the scope to fishery management in general]

- i. How can SSCs in adjacent regions collaborate on managing stocks that shifted spatial distribution due to climate driven forcings?
- ii.

Subtheme 3.b: Building spatial management and habitat condition in the ABC specification process [broaden the scope to fishery management in general]

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- ii.