

Visioning and strategic planning discussion

At their September 2013 meeting, the Council discussed draft strategic goals and objectives for the snapper grouper fishery. Based on Council guidance and recommendations from the Visioning and Strategic Planning Workgroup¹, the Council will revise the draft goals and objectives at the December 2013 meeting. Port meetings are planned for spring 2014 to engage stakeholders in the discussions and obtain their input. During the port meetings, Council staff will facilitate discussions around 4 broad themes: Science, Management, Communication, and Governance. Below are a series of questions intended to obtain the AP's input on management and science themes. During the AP meeting Council staff will help guide the conversation using the questions below and as a way to rehearse techniques they will use during the port meetings in 2014.

Management:

1. What are the components/unique characteristics of the snapper grouper fishery?
2. What could happen if the snapper grouper fishery wasn't managed? How would that affect you?
3. What do you think is working with current management of the snapper grouper fishery?
4. What do you think is not working with current management of the snapper grouper fishery?
5. What management strategies (current or new) could the Council use to address your needs as a stakeholder?
6. How would changes to management strategies affect your goals as a stakeholder in the fishery?

Science:

1. What do you know about science-based fisheries management?
2. What are some benefits of science-based management?
3. What are some challenges?
4. What are ways to improve existing scientific programs (i.e., MARMAP)?
5. What are ways to complement existing scientific programs in the SA region?
6. What are ways to directly involve fishery stakeholders in improving science programs?

¹ The Workgroup consists of four Council staffs and four Council members