

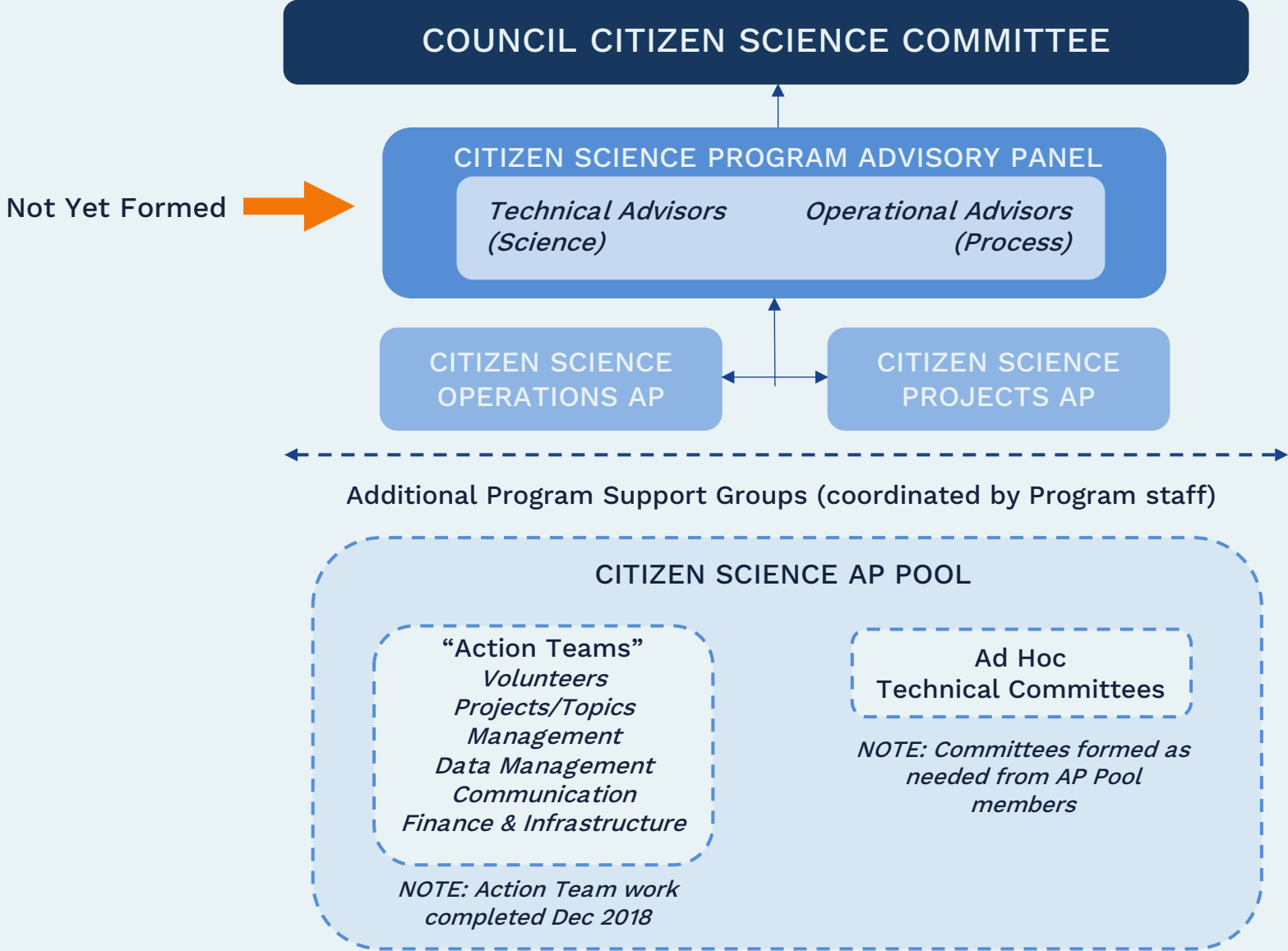


Citizen Science

CitSci Program Organizational Structure

SAFMC December 2025

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Council Citizen Science Committee

- **Established:** Sept 2016
- **Purpose:** to support development and oversight of Program
- **Role & Responsibilities:** provide guidance on programmatic decision making; review & adoption of CitSci research priorities; *approval of budget in conjunction with Exec Committee*
- **Membership:** comprised of Council members; currently all Council members are on CitSci Committee; has chair and vice chair
- **Meetings:** typically meet 1-2 times per year



CitSci Program Advisory Panel

- **Established:** has NOT been established yet
- **Purpose:** advise on program policies related to scientific goals & integrity & operational processes
- **Role & Responsibilities:** technical advisors develop recs to ensure Program maintains overall scientific integrity; operational advisors develop recs related to fiscal support, legal issues, governance; review SOPPs and supporting materials/policies
- **Membership:** mix of technical and operational advisors; would have chair & vice chair; 3-5 year terms
 - Council appointed: fishery stakeholders (2), conservation NGO (1), Sea Grant (1), CitSci expert (1), admin exec (1)
 - Designees: SERO, SEFSC, NOAA HQ, NOAA general counsel, ACCSP/ASMFC, Council CitSci Committee chair, CitSci AP reps, SSC chair
- **Meetings:** 1 in person per year; others via webinar, as needed



CitSci Operations Advisory Panel

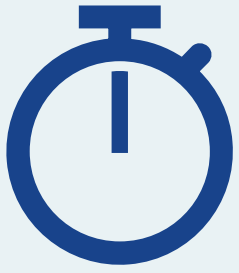
- **Established:** summer 2018
- **Purpose:** smaller group of advisors develops program recommendations; tasks include reviewing policies; providing program direction/partner support; general advice & guidance
- **Role & Responsibilities:** draft SOPPS; provide on-going operational recommendations; help identify CitSci research priorities; assist with strategic planning
- **Membership:** 3-5 year terms
 - 5 CitSci Pool members and representatives (1 each) from SERO, SEFSC & SSC
- **Meetings:** 2 per year (1 in person & 1 webinar); others via webinar, as needed

**This group has been doing some of the responsibilities initially outlined for CitSci Advisory Panel*



CitSci Projects Advisory Panel

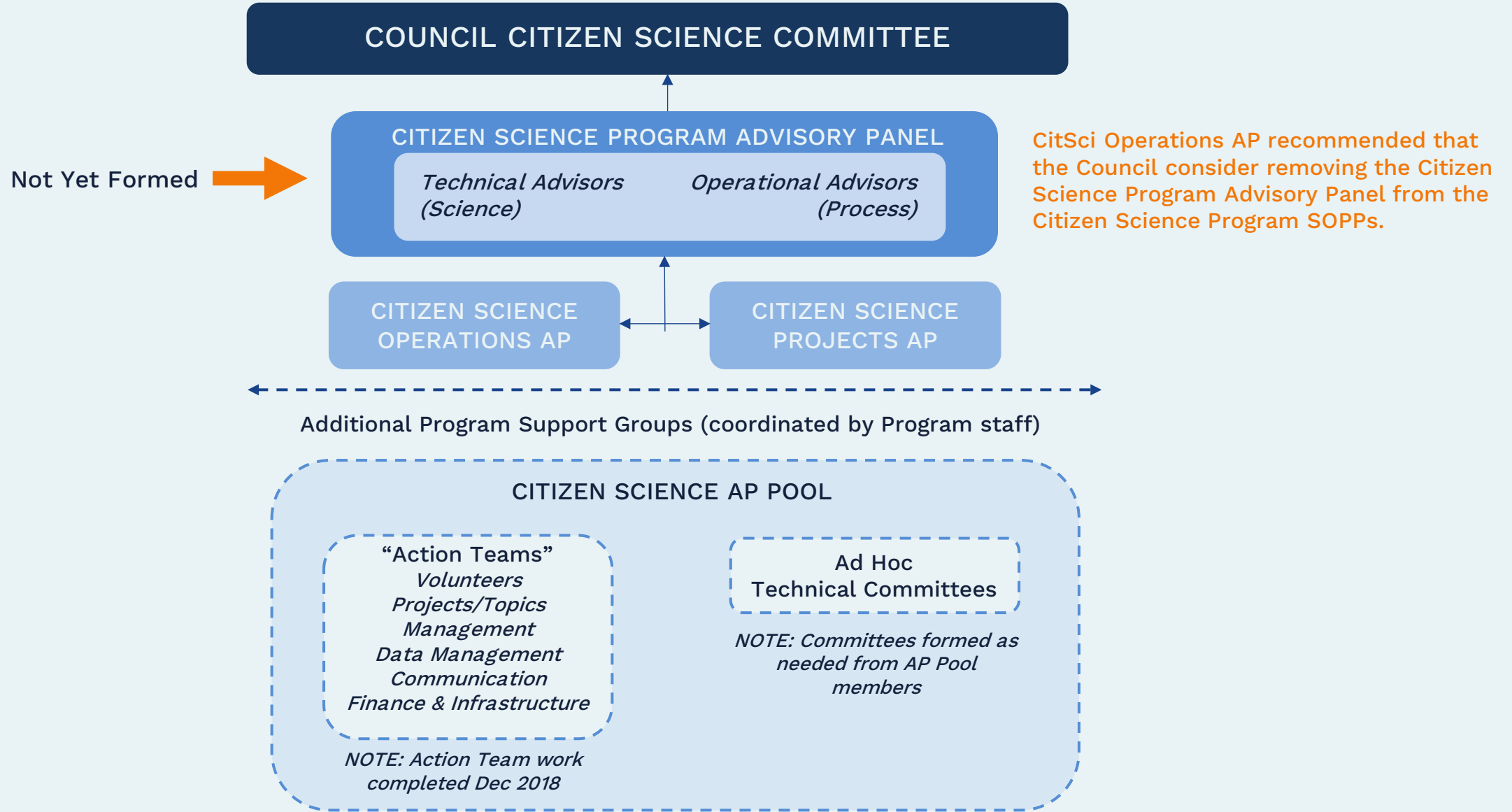
- **Established:** 2019
- **Purpose:** work in conjunction with CitSci Operations to develop program recommendations
- **Role & Responsibilities:** identify CitSci research needs across FMP; assist with develop volunteer engagement strategies; outreach ambassadors
- **Membership:** term dependent on AP tenure
 - Representatives from Snapper Grouper, Mackerel Cobia, Spiny Lobster, Dolphin Wahoo, *Shrimp/Deepwater Shrimp, Golden Crab, Habitat,* and Outreach & Communication APs
- **Meetings:** 1 per year via webinar



CitSci Ad-hoc Work Groups

- **Established:** currently no active ad-hoc work groups
- **Purpose:** short term work groups to help support specific program or project activities (e.g., CitSci A-Teams helped develop Program approach and best practices); may serve in review capacity for process-oriented components of Program
- **Membership:** appointed from the CitSci pool; typically would not exceed one year
- **Meetings:** dependent on nature of the work group

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