

Council Coordination Committee



SAFMC Overview

March 10, 2022



CCC Process

- Membership
 - Council Chairs, Vice Chairs, Executive Directors
- Meetings
 - Spring in the host region and Fall in Washington, DC
- Authority
 - Organized as an Advisory Panel per the MSA and acknowledged in Council SOPPs.
 - Meetings fall under the same provisions as Council meetings
- Website: <http://www.fisherycouncils.org/>

CCC Host Council

- One Council serves as host each year
- Rotating schedule
 - MAFMC is hosting in 2022
 - GMFMC in 2023
 - SAFMC hosted in 2019
- Duties
 - Organize CCC meetings
 - Maintain CCC website
 - Host Council Chair chair's CCC meetings
 - Serve as NMFS POC
 - Submit correspondence on behalf of CCC

Typical Agenda Topics for CCC meetings

- Monitor the Overall Council Budget
- Updates from NMFS on Science, Habitat, Operations
- Comment on NMFS Policy Directives
- Comment on NMFS Technical Guidance
- Develop positions on MSA and related legislation (ESA, NEPA)
- Comment on Executive Orders
- Subcommittee and Working Group Reports

Subcommittees and Working Groups

- Science Coordination Subcommittee (SCS)
 - aka 'National SSC'
 - Chairs and Vice Chairs from each SSC
 - Council staffs support
 - Meet every other year to address national scientific topics
 - SSC practices, ACL implementation, ABC Control rules, Uncertainty, MSE's
- Legislative Working Group
 - Council staff and Council members
 - Reviews legislation and develops CCC positions
 - Manages the CCC legislative working paper and documents
 - CCC Position and Individual Council Positions

Subcommittees and Working Groups

- Habitat Working Group
 - Council Staff
 - Develop positions and information for CCC consideration
 - EFH, Habitat policy review, Area-based management, 30x30 effort
- CMOD Working Group
 - Council Member Ongoing Development
 - Replacement for the “Fisheries Forum”
 - Biannual training sessions for Council Members
 - 2022 Workshop
 - Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management
 - SAFMC representatives: Jessica, Carolyn, and Kerry

Subcommittees and Working Groups

- Communication Working Group
 - Council Public Information Officers
 - Communication best practices and information sharing
 - Manage CCC information products (factsheets)
- Administrative Officers
 - AO's meet regularly, informally to address council 'business' topics

Managing Our Nations Fisheries

- Series of conferences organized by the CCC and NMFS to assess fisheries resources and management at the National and Regional level
- Invited speakers and experts on a wide range of topics
- Held in 2003, 2005, and 2013



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Questions?

MSA Working Paper – Attachment 1b



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Positions on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Issues

- Topic areas
 - Science & Data
 - Fishery Management
 - Process & Authority
- Statements
 - Consensus positions – approved by the CCC
 - Individual Council positions
- **Task – make time on workplan to review and update**
 - ExCom draft
 - Council approval

May 2022 Meeting Potential Topics

- NMFS COVID impacts update
- Funding and budget
- NMFS science update
- NEPA revisions and guidance status
- NS1 Technical Memorandums update (data limited ACLs; reference points)
- ESA policies and guidance update
- EEO and harassment guidance update
- MSA legislation & legislative working group report
- Climate Crisis Executive Order
- Environmental Justice in Fisheries Management
- Habitat update & habitat working group report

Highlights or Requests?