

CCC Summary

May 19 – 21

Homer, AK

Agenda and Materials: www.fisherycouncils.org

MSA 50th Anniversary, 1976 - 2026

- Dedicated page at fisherycouncils.org
 - Overviews
 - Regional photo shows
- SAFMC dedicated page under “About the Council”



Council Priorities and Needs

- Overviews from each council
- Risk/Value effort completed at the National level
- Regional progress continues

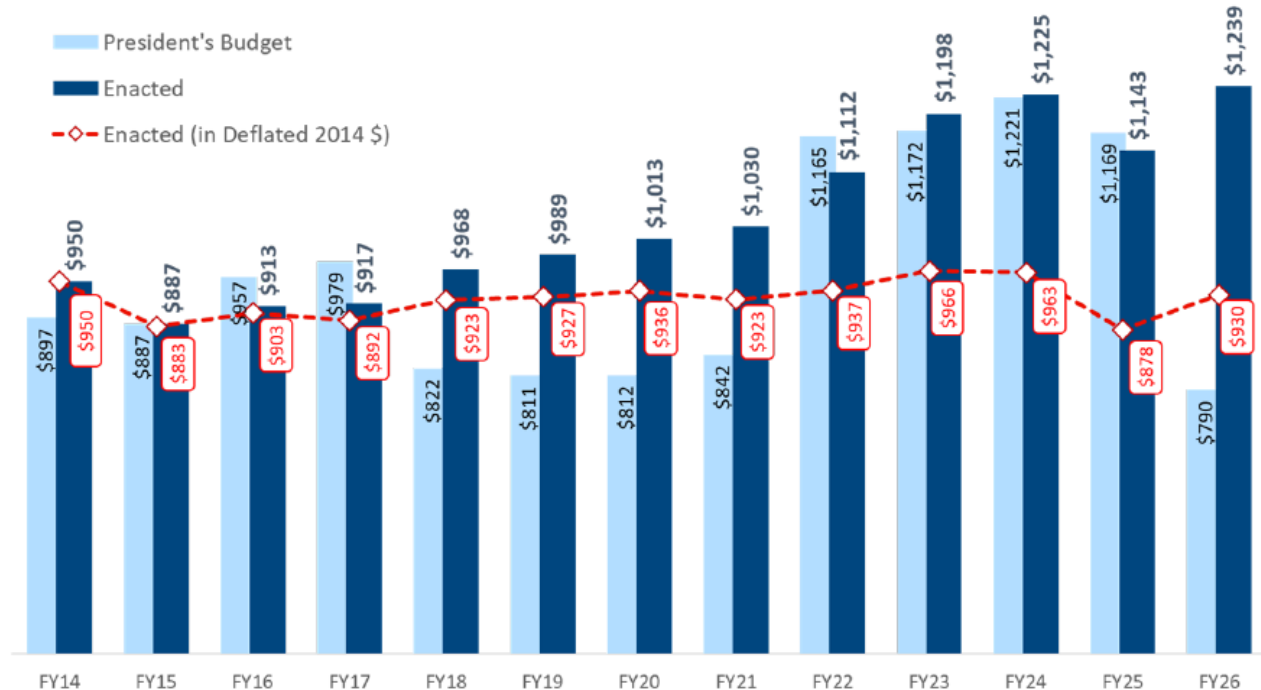
Motion:

I move that each council, region, and science center continue work on the alignment of priorities and capacity and report back to the CCC on progress at the October CCC meeting

Budget Update

- FY 2026: 1.5% increase for Councils base funding
- Overall level funding (after inflation) since before FY14

Historical Budget Trends (total discretionary, \$ in millions)



Science Update Highlights

- Stock Assessment Tiger Team Response – early summer
 - review of independent surveys and advanced technology
- MRIP
 - Rescaled MRIP estimates August 2026
- RAPID
 - transition process to transform MRIP
 - workshops late summer/fall 2026



EO 14276 and International Affairs Motion

- See report for full text
- addresses MMPA comparability, import requirements, labeling, tariffs

NEPA

- Ongoing working group addressing revised requirements
- Motion:

The CCC requests that NMFS continue to provide updated timelines related to revised NEPA procedures, consider expediting the timeline by opting to meet with Council and Regional Office staff rather than full Councils, and provide an update specific to the anticipated timeline of the “Proposed Revisions to NOAA Categorical Exclusions”.

S-K Funding Support Motion

The CCC requests the Department of Commerce (DOC) work with congressional appropriators to meet the original intent of the Promote and Develop American Fisheries Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries Act to increase funding support of the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program. This is a permanent appropriation of 30% of the previous calendar year's custom receipts from imports of fish and fish products, which will total over \$650 million in FY2027. Therefore, the CCC recommends that DOC request a NOAA Operations, Research and Facilities account offset of \$559M, leaving \$100M in the Promote and Development account to be used for the competitive SK program. Funding will support national initiatives to promote, develop, and market US fisheries in an effort to reduce the seafood trade deficit and address priorities identified by the Councils in support of Executive Order 14276 on Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness.

MREP Support Motion

The Council Coordination Committee recommends NOAA Fisheries continue and prioritize support for the Marine Resource Education Program (MREP), recognizing its value in developing informed fishery participants and improving engagement in regional fishery management.

Next Meetings

October 20 – 22, 2026, Washington DC

2027 – SAFMC will be the CCC host

- May 11 – 13, 2027 in Charleston

