

# East Coast Scenario Planning: Application Phase Next Steps

## July 2022

### Defining Decision Issues: July/August 2022

- Core team will work to further clarify the decision issues we might seek to address in the next few years.
  - Identify what the scenarios will be applied to
  - Define governance vs. management
  - Draft potential decision issues to apply scenarios to
  - Clarify issues that are better addressed by broader group vs. individual management bodies

### Scenario Deepening Webinars: August 2022

- Two 2-hour webinars will be held on the following dates:
  - **Wednesday, August 17, 3-5 pm**
  - **Tuesday, August 23, 10 am-12 pm**
- These webinars will offer all interested stakeholders an opportunity to review, validate, and add details to the initial scenarios. Each 2-hour session will begin with an overview of the outputs and draft stories from the initial scenarios. Participants will then have an opportunity to add comments and suggestions to make the scenarios more plausible, challenging, relevant, memorable, and divergent.
- The core team may use chat and potentially polling features as options for feedback.

#### Webinar Logistics:

- The core team will distribute a workshop summary document in advance, presenting an overview of workshop activities and the main messages from each scenario. This document will be posted by **Friday, August 5**.
- The core team is working with communications leads from each organization to draft a coordinated announcement of the webinars to go out in late July.
- For organizations that wish to more directly engage advisory panels, it is worth considering targeting notices of these webinars to AP members.

### Applications Phase Fishery Manager Brainstorming Working Groups: September 2022 (new)

- Purpose: Identify the issues, ideas, and options that should be discussed at scenario planning conversations at Council & Commission meetings during Fall 2022, and subsequently at a Summit Meeting in early 2023. The output from the

Fishery Manager Scenario working sessions will ensure that the Councils & Commission will not be starting from a blank slate, but will instead have specific issues to consider and ideas to build on, setting the stage for later summit meeting.

- These conversations may be seeded with ideas based on core team brainstorming
- Sessions are intended to be independent/separate recognizing that people may listen to more than one of the meetings since they will be open to the public

#### Session Logistics:

- Target 3 webinar meetings with ~12 cross-management body members (different groups each meeting). The meetings will be scheduled and participants identified once the scenario creation workshop summary has been posted (early August)
- Council/Commission leadership will identify 5-7 members (or staff, if desired) from each group to participate in small working group discussions in September. NOAA GARFO, SERO, HQ, NEFSC, and SEFSC may each identify 1-2 staff to participate.
- There will be a short agenda item near the end of the meetings allowing for limited public comment.
- The Core Team will write a report compiling the ideas generated at the three working sessions.

#### Council/Commission Meetings: Fall 2022

- The core team recommends pushing back the more in depth sessions seeking Council/Commission recommendations to meetings held in November-December.
  - August: MAFMC and ASMFC meetings - workshop recap; overview of draft scenarios
  - September: SAFMC and NEFMC meetings - overview of scenarios; begin to discuss ideas and recommendations to support Summit.
  - October NRCC meeting - develop ideas and recommendations to support Summit
  - November: ASMFC meeting - develop ideas and recommendations to support Summit
  - December: NEFMC, MAFMC and SAFMC meetings - develop ideas and recommendations to support Summit

#### Summit Meeting: Tentatively February 2023

- The summit meeting will serve as a venue to discuss the input from manager sub-group and individual management body sessions, with the goal of developing a final set of governance, management, and monitoring

recommendations from the scenario planning process. Most of these recommendations are likely to require further development and discussions by the NRCC and individual management groups to address, but a final report from the scenario planning initiative would be generated following the summit.

- In person meeting targeting ~50 participants
- Still need to identify location, possible dates, and clarify funding