



New England
Fishery Management
Council



East Coast Climate Coordination Group 2024 Spring Meeting – Final Action Items

1. Finalize E3CG Charter and Core Team Role Description

- **Description:** Modify as discussed at meeting. Core Team will send to the Coordination Group chair for distribution and finalization. Final version to be posted on Mid-Atlantic website.
- **Lead:** Core Team and Coordination Group Chair
- **Timing:** As soon as possible

2. Potential Action Menu Updates

- **Description:** Modify as discussed at meeting, including incorporating Core Team recommendations and additional updates discussed by the Coordination Group.
- **Lead:** Core Team
- **Timing:** Spring/Summer 2024

3. Action Status Tracking

- **Description:** Develop draft status tracking spreadsheet, starting with actions that are ongoing or identified as 2025 priorities, and establish points of contact for actions with ongoing work.
- **Lead:** Core Team
- **Timing:** Prior to Fall 2024 Coordination Group meeting

- **Description:** Add all actions related to the Potential Action Menu, and establish points of contact for actions with ongoing work.
- **Lead:** Core Team and E3CG
- **Timing:** Prior to Fall 2024 Coordination Group meeting, and ongoing

4. 2025 Priorities

- **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) projects**
 - **Description:** Core Team will compile a list of action items that have been worked on to date, and a list of funded IRA projects relating to the Potential Action Menu, with 2025 activities identified for these multi-year projects. This document should inform draft priorities to be considered by the Councils and Commission.
 - **Lead:** Core Team
 - **Timing:** Summer 2024, for a Core Team meeting in September to support Fall 2024 Coordination Group meeting

- **South Atlantic Recreational Fleet Diversity**
 - **Description:** Review recreational fleet diversity trends in South Atlantic, similar to what was reviewed for the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic State of the Ecosystem Reports, to compare trends.
 - **Lead:** SEFSC/SAFMC
 - **Timing:** Prior to Fall 2024 Coordination Group meeting

- **Community Vulnerability Indicators**
 - **Description:** To better understand questions that are driving socioeconomic data evaluation, particularly related to community vulnerability indicators, all groups will identify a person to participate in a meeting with Science Center social scientists. Meeting participants will discuss use of social vulnerability indicators and key questions they can or should be answering for managers.
 - **Lead:** All groups
 - **Timing:** Summer 2024
 - **Description:** Hold an informal meeting with identified persons to discuss use of social vulnerability indicators and key questions they can or should be answering for managers.
 - **Lead:** Science Centers
 - **Timing:** Prior to Fall 2024 Coordination Group meeting

- **Survey Coordination (Action D4)**
 - **Description:** Science Centers will write an interim plan for overall survey enterprise that feeds into the more comprehensive IRA data survey review.
 - **Lead:** Science Centers
 - **Timing:** Within the next 6 months, with an update provided at the Fall 2024 Coordination Group meeting

- **Climate, Ecosystems, and Fisheries Initiative (CEFI) Coordination**
 - **Description:** Each organization will identify staff to participate on the CEFI regional decision support teams.
 - **Lead:** Councils and Commission
 - **Timing:** By end of May 2024

- **Description:** The Core Team will serve as the steering committee to organize an East Coast CEFI management integration workshop. This workshop will engage additional Council/Commission staff in initial discussions of integrating CEFI efforts into management processes, with a focus on ongoing or planned Council and Commission management efforts that CEFI could inform or integrate with. The workshop may also inform a follow up meeting in 2025 to continue these discussions and explore additional ways CEFI products could be used to inform management, fill data gaps, and address research priorities. Workshop attendees are TBD but would likely include CEFI decision team representatives, and Council/Commission staff working on ecosystem, climate, and IRA issues.
- **Lead:** Core Team will serve as steering committee and work with E3CG counterparts on planning. NEFSC and GARFO (Jon Hare and Mike Pentony) will co-chair the workshop.
- **Timing:** As soon as possible, the Core Team will determine objective, tentative participation, and date/location for the workshop. The workshop will be held August 15 and 16, 2024, in Philadelphia, PA, following the conclusion of the MAFMC meeting.

- **Description:** Brief Councils and Commission with an overview of CEFI and plans for integrating its products into management activities including IRA funded projects.
- **Lead:** Councils/Commission/Centers
- **Timing:** September/October 2024

5. Next E3CG meeting

- Virtual meeting to be held tentatively **October 31, 2024.**
- **Lead:** GARFO