

SAFE Report background document and discussion questions

Socio-Economic Panel, April 2024

Background

Council staff have started to develop Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports. These reports are required through National Standard 2 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The report should contain the best scientific information available on the condition of the stock, essential fish habitat, marine ecosystems, and the fishery. As part of this effort, readily available economic and social trends have been developed to include as part of a SAFE report.

The reports can serve as regular updates to advisory panels, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and the Council to aid in discussing the condition of the stock and potential need for adjusting management measures. The SSC has provided feedback on information that is crucial for a SAFE report and information that would be good to include based on draft SAFE reports for several fishery management plans (FMPs). SAFE reports will be developed and updated every two years for each FMP and provided for review at the spring SSC meeting and June Council meeting. These reports will also be provided to any interested constituents via the Council's website.

Link to SAFE reports: <https://rpubs.com/chipcollier/954965>

Requested SEP action

Chip Collier, SAFMC staff, will brief the SEP on the draft SAFE report and solicit input on changes that the SEP would like to see in the reports before they are finalized. The SEP will be asked to provide feedback on the draft SAFE reports and input on any additional social or economic information that may be useful.

Discussion questions

- 1) Out of the social and economic information provided, which items do think are most useful for managers or constituents?
 - a. Specifically for managers?
 - b. Specifically for constituents?
- 2) Are there additional pieces of readily available social or economic information that should be added to the SAFE reports?