

**PRELIMINARY LIST OF POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR SAFMC
CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2019 (JANUARY-DECEMBER) BUDGET**

1. Increase State Liaison Grants to previous levels prior to 10% reduction for 2018 (cost = \$23,400; December 2017). Only the GMFMC (\$45,000/state), SAFMC, and PFMC provide funding to their states. The SAFMC state liaison grants were \$35,000/state up to 2009 when the Council received additional funding. The Executive Director increased the amount based on the additional funding and SSC stipends, and the Council approved the budget with the new numbers. In 2017, NC and GA received \$58,250 and SC and FL received \$58,750, slightly higher to account for extra SSC work. During 2018, NC and GA received \$52,425 and SC and FL received \$52,875 (results of a 10% reduction suggested by the Council Chair and Vice Chair and Personnel Committee Chair and approved by the Council).
2. Increase the Council Staff Retirement Match to the previous level (4%) prior to the 10% reduction for 2018 (cost = \$6,421; December 2017). The 10% reduction was suggested by the Executive Director and approved by the Council.
3. Contracts with Florida for FEP-related support. Web Development/Support = \$38,250 and Ecological Data Base = \$38,250.
4. CCC May 2019 Meeting – SAFMC hosts at a cost of about \$15,000. We are exploring some funding assistance from NMFS.
5. Citizen Science Program – the Council is covering the Program Manager’s salary. Per the recommendation of the A-Team adopted by the Council in March 2018, the intent is to continue operational support of the Program and the Program Manager position until additional programmatic and project funding is identified and secured that would cover the cost of staffing as the program grows.
6. Additional SSC meeting? The SSC has expressed concern about having another in-person meeting; they prefer webinar meetings to handle specific items between the two regular meetings. The cost for an additional SSC meeting would be about \$33,000 based on 2018 SSC meeting costs.
7. MAFMC Liaison - Sending a SAFMC Liaison to MAFMC meetings would cost about \$17,000 per year.
8. Council activity schedule – this will be developed based on the Council’s guidance for amendment priorities.
9. SEDAR activity schedule – this will be developed based on the SEDAR Steering Committee’s guidance for assessment activity. The limiting factor on the number of assessments that can be conducted is NMFS staff available to prepare the data sets (landings, CPUE, etc.). Prior to this, the limiting factor was NMFS staff available to read otoliths and update aging information.

10. Others?