



- Make sure the documents do not simply say “the Council will...” since this is a stakeholder/Council driven process.
- Refer to all statements, goals and objectives as draft.
- Need to consider all stakeholders in the draft vision statement.
- The needs of all stakeholders can be addressed in the vision statement OR they can be addressed via the objectives.
- Need to transition to manage fisheries based on economic efficiency and move away from “legacy” management (based on how it’s been done in the past).
- Summary of key word discussion:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ AVAILABILITY (FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS)</li> <li>→ SUSTAINABILITY</li> <li>→ HABITAT</li> <li>→ HEALTHY FISHERIES (FISH POPULATIONS, FISHERMEN/FISHING COMMUNITIES, HABITAT)</li> <li>→ ACCESSIBILITY</li> <li>→ ABUNDANT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ CONFIDENCE (MONITORING, DATA COLLECTION)</li> <li>→ STAKEHOLDERS (DIVERSITY)</li> <li>→ ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY</li> <li>→ BALANCE</li> <li>→ “LEGACY” FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</li> <li>→ Define fishery as, FISHERY = FISH, HABITAT, FISHERMEN, FISHING COMMUNITIES</li> </ul>
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**DRAFT VISION STATEMENT:**

“THE SNAPPER GROUPE FISHERY IS A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE FISHERY THAT BALANCES AND OPTIMIZES BENEFITS FOR ALL CITIZENS.”

**Development of Draft Goal Statements & Review of Snapper Grouper Objectives**

Before the Council started review of the current Snapper Grouper FMP objectives, a member suggested discussing broader goals before reviewing specific objectives. Staff led the Council through a discussion of components that would contribute to achieving the vision statement. These included:

- HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM AND HABITAT
- STOCK THAT CAN REPLENISH ITSELF
- PROFITABLE COMMERCIAL AND FOR-HIRE TRIPS
- RECREATIONAL FISHING OPPORTUNITIES
- STABLE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
- PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND COOPERATION
- MINIMAL WASTE
- SOUND SCIENCE
- ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
- INCENTIVIZED COMPLIANCE, AND EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

Staff were directed to craft goal statements from each component of successful snapper-grouper fishery management.

The Council continued review of each FMP objective, including input from the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel.

**1. Prevent overfishing.**

Remove the objective because this is mandated by the MSA.

**2. Collect necessary data.**

Expand the objective to include using best information available, outreach to constituents, increased cooperative research, and other ways to improve data collection.

### **3. Promote orderly utilization of the resource.**

Make a goal statement that would include the components of predictable seasons and minimal waste.

### **4. Provide for a flexible management system.**

Make the abbreviated version a goal statement and the longer version as objectives:

- Provide for a flexible management system that minimizes regulatory delays while retaining substantial Council and public involvement in management decisions.
- Adapt to changes in resource abundance, new scientific information, and changes in fishing patterns among user groups.
- Consider alternate management strategies for the recreational sector.

### **5. Minimize habitat damage.**

Include under Component 1, expand as: Minimize habitat damage due to recreational and commercial fishing activities.

### **6. Promote public compliance and enforcement.**

Keep as a goal statement. Objective would be:

Promote public comprehension of, voluntary compliance with, and enforcement of the management measures.

- Increase public comprehension of regulations.
- Increase compliance of management measures
- Promote effective enforcement.

### **7. Mechanism to vest participants.**

Expand to: Develop a mechanism to vest fishermen in the Snapper Grouper fishery and create incentives for conservation and regulatory compliance whereby fishermen can realize potential long-run benefits from efforts to conserve and manage the Snapper Grouper resource.

### **8. Promote stability and facilitate long-run planning.**

Expand to: Provide a management regime which promotes sustainability and long-range planning, including predictable seasons.

### **9. Create market-driven harvest pace and increase product continuity.**

Expand to: Consider management strategies that reflect market needs and promote product continuity for commercial and for-hire businesses. Note that a product can be a seafood product or a for-hire trip.

### **10. Minimize gear and area conflicts among fishermen.**

Include this objective as part of a goal statement that would include consideration of regional differences, such as regional availability, needs, and characteristics.

### **11. Decrease incentives for overcapitalization.**

Falls under goals of orderly utilization of the resource and profitable trips.

### **12. Prevent continual dissipation of returns from fishing through open access.**

### **13. Evaluate and minimize localized depletion.**

### **14. End overfishing of snapper grouper stocks undergoing overfishing.**

## 15. Rebuild stocks declared overfished.

The workshop was running short on time and Objectives 12-15 will be discussed at the September 2013 visioning workshop.

### Next Steps

At the conclusion of discussions on the draft vision statement, goal statements and objectives, the Council outlined a plan for moving forward with getting information out to the public regarding the Visioning process and next steps for the September 2013 Visioning Workshop. Listed below are the proposed next steps in the process.

- Council staff should have an email address for the public to be able to submit comments and ideas about the visioning process.
- August Public Hearings:
  - Council staff will prepare a draft summary document with a well-crafted introduction defining what the Visioning process is, what it is trying to accomplish, the draft vision statement and possibly the draft goal statements crafted by the Council in June and the timeline for proposed port meetings and how the public can participate.
  - Indicate that the visioning is a work in progress.
  - Possibly prepare a video PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Visioning Process.
- September 2013 Council Meeting:
  - Continue discussion of the draft snapper grouper objectives and goal statements.
  - Council staff will take the draft vision statement and draft goal statements/objectives and plug them in to a logic model to guide the discussions.
  - Discuss options for proposed port meetings and facilitation of these meetings.

The Council passed the following motion:

**MOTION:** Adopt the draft vision statement.

**Approved by Council.**