



# U.S. Regional Fishery Management Councils

## CCC Legislative Work Group Report

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# Activities

- Meetings: August 18 and September 28, 2021
- Draft consensus statements for MSA Reauthorization Working Paper
- Draft feedback letter in H.R. 4690, “Sustaining America’s Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021”



# Draft Consensus Statements

- Climate Change and Regional Action Plans for Climate Science (addition)
- Bycatch (new)
- Council Jurisdiction (new)
- Essential Fish Habitat (new)
- Transparency Requirements (replacement)
- Ethics/Standards of Behavior (new)
- Secretarial Plans (new)
- Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (new)



# Feedback on H.R. 4690

- Requested August 25, 2021
- Focused on impact within broad themes:
  - Challenges caused by environmental change
  - Reinforcement of Council emphasis on high ethical standards
  - Increased demands on Council and agency time
  - Possible increased litigation risk
  - Inadvertent reduction in role of RMFCs
  - Diversion of limited resources to new requirements will inhibit Councils from completing tasks



# Action

- Approve consensus statements
- Approve H.R. 4690 feedback letter

# Discussion



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