



# Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Update on SCS8 Workshop Planning

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# SCS8 National Workshop

*Applying ABC Control Rules in a  
Changing Environment*

August 26-28, 2024

Seaport Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts

Located next to the Boston Fish Pier

Established in 1910



# Steering Committee Progress

- Updates since October 2023:
  - Hired Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston to assist with event planning, facilitation, and report drafting
  - Refined SCS8 workshop objective
  - Developed three sub-themes
  - Identified case studies and confirmed speakers
  - Draft agenda

# Objective and Logistics

- **Objective:**

- Provide actionable guidance on how to best support Councils in the management of fisheries, particularly on the use of ABC control rules, given the changing environment.

- **Logistics**

- In-person, working meeting of SSC members (4 per Council)
- Use of keynote speakers, round-robin sharing across all regions, case study exploration, small-group and plenary facilitated discussions
- Selected presentations by NOAA staff and others for topical expertise
- Listen-only webinar option for Council members and public

# Agenda – Day 1

- Context Setting:
  - Current approaches to defining ABC control rules and challenges in their application
    - Round-robin discussion of Councils' current ABC control rules
    - Presentation: Latitude and pathways within National Standards for applying social and economic information to the setting of ABC
- Sub-Theme 1:
  - Advances in ecosystem science and assessment to inform ABC control rules in a dynamic environment
    - Keynote and case studies
    - NOAA's Climate, Ecosystems, and Fisheries Initiative (CEFI) and use of ecosystem information in management

# Agenda – Day 2

- Sub-Theme 2:
  - Applications of social science to achieve management goals under dynamic conditions
    - Round-robin discussion of how SSCs currently use social and economic information
    - Case studies: developing indicators, measuring impacts, informing management
- Sub-Theme 3:
  - Adaptation of reference points, control rules, and rebuilding plans to changing environment
    - Keynote and case studies
    - Harvest strategies, dynamic control rules, revising reference points, control rule performance, use of empirical approaches

# Synthesis and Follow-Up

- Agenda Day 3 - Synthesis:
  - Identify actionable outcomes and next steps
  - Pathways for actions
  - Expectations for follow-up
- Following SCS8 Workshop:
  - Complete proceedings report and summary presentation by October
  - Proactively report outcomes and encourage regional-specific recommendations and implementation
  - Coordinate outcomes with CMOD planning

## **CCC tasking:**

*“... recommend how workshop conclusions can be shared with the CCC and the Councils in a manner that encourages the use of SCS recommendations.”*

# Participants and Budget

- Approximately 60 participants:
  - 40 regional Council attendees (4 SSC members, plus 1 staff from each Council)
  - ~10 NOAA staff, including Headquarters, selected speakers, steering committee
  - ~10 New England support staff (contractors, staff, NEFMC Chair and ED)
- Budget
  - NOAA funds provided to NEFMC to cover venue and travel costs
  - NEFMC pay travel for 4 non-NOAA attendees from each region
  - Home Council pay travel for 1 additional attendee and all SSC member stipends





# Questions

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