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Governance Guidance

Council Coordination Committee Meeting

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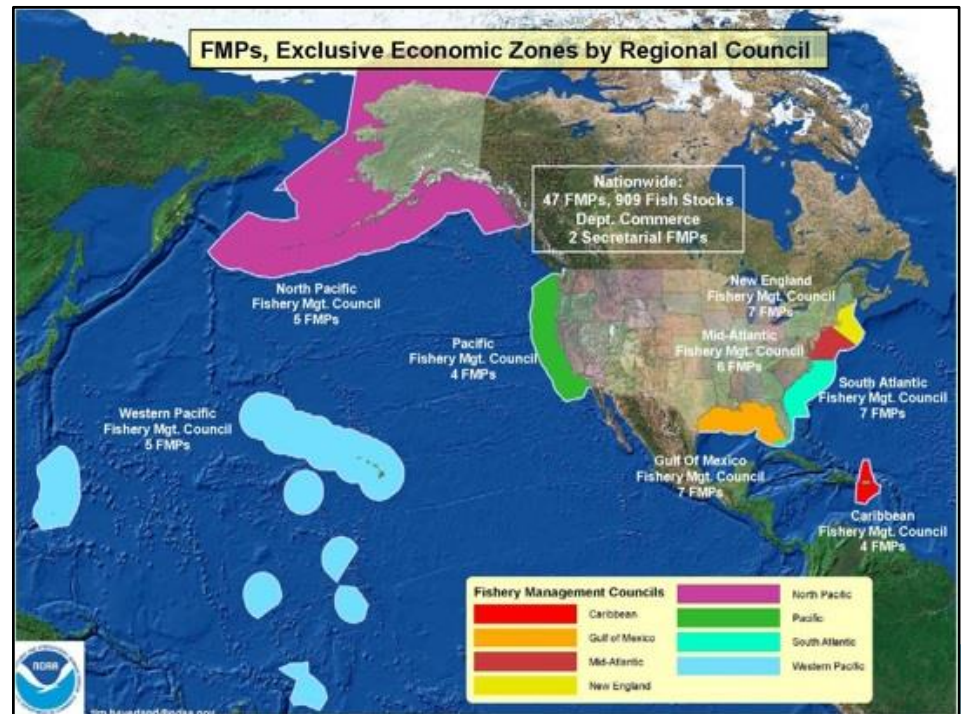
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Project: Develop Guidance on use of MSA Section 304(f)

If any fishery extends beyond the geographical area of authority of any one Council, the Secretary may—

- designate which Council shall prepare the FMP; or
- require that the FMP be prepared jointly



Key Components of the Policy/Guidance

1. Determining the geographic location of the fishery

- MSA Definitions: “fishery,” “stock”
- National Standard 3
- New or emerging fishery?

2. Initial Designation of Council/s to develop the FMP

Options: 1 Council, 1 FMP; Multiple Councils, 1 FMP; Multiple Councils, Multiple FMPs

Considerations: Geographic range of stocks; need/s for conservation and management (social, economic, ecological, predator/prey, etc.); efficiency/responsiveness/adaptability of management; location of effort; relationships with other managed species; need for cross-jurisdictional coordination



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3. Criteria to Trigger Review of Initial Designation

- A certain number of years?
- By request: from public? From a Council?
- Indicators of change, such as changes in landings trends, status of the resource, species distribution, quality of information?

4. Process to Determine whether to Revise a Designation

Potential Process Features: Consultations with Councils; Hearings for stakeholders; Roles of Science Centers and SSCs; Deadlines/Target time periods?

Potential Steps: Review the basis for the original designation; Review the criteria set forth in step 1; Assess how current information affects the previous determination

Potential considerations: Need for conservation and management; Objectives of existing FMPs; OY, NS3 and all National Standards; Efficiencies; Stakeholder representation.



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5. Considerations for Transitioning to a revised Designation

- Should change be phased in over time?
- Should some provisions be grandfathered in?
- Other considerations?



Issues to Consider in Light of East Coast Scenario Planning

- How certain are we that there has been a shift?
- Unpredictability/Uncertainty about permanence of environmental change
- Design of management plans/inter-Council coordination and adaptability
- Need for stability and planning horizon from management



Proposed Timeline

Winter/Spring 2022/23: Completion of East Coast Scenario Planning “Application Phase;” Development of Draft Policy

Spring 2023: Provide draft policy to CCC for comment

Fall 2023: Deadline for CCC and Council comments

Summer 2024: Finalize and Rollout Policy



Request Your Feedback

- *Are there additional components the policy should include (besides those listed on slides 3 - 5)?*
- *What criteria or factors would you recommend be included under each of the 5 components?*

Provide Additional comments/questions to: Marian.Macpherson@noaa.gov



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