

Eric Reid, NEFMC, Subcommittee Chair | Oct. 2022 | Silver Spring, MD



CCC Area-Based Management Subcommittee

Composition of the CCC Habitat Work Group

- Staff from all 8 Councils:
 - Michelle Bachman (NEFMC)
 - Jessica Coakley (MAFMC)
 - Mark Fitchett (WPFMC)
 - John Froeschke (GMFMC)
 - Kerry Griffin (PFMC)
 - Roger Pugliese (SAFMC)
 - Miguel Rolon & Liajay Rivera (CFMC)
 - Dave Witherell (NPFMC)
- With assistance from NOAA Fisheries:
 - Heather Sagar
 - Tim Haverland
 - Michelle Lennox



The Terms of Reference (TORs)

1. Assist CCC in reacting to 30 by 30 initiative.
2. Prepare report on Area-based Measures in U.S. EEZ:
 - Evaluate existing EEZ fishery area closures relative to the 30 by 30 initiative.
 - Discuss pros and cons of area-based management.
 - Objectives and expected benefits of area-based management tool for diversity of ecosystems under Councils' jurisdictions.
3. Prepare journal article on area-based measures for marine fisheries in U.S.



Meetings of the Subcommittee (since May 2022)

May 26

- Discussed CCC meeting input after presenting Draft Report; discussed next steps

June 27 (not full Subcommittee)

- Reps Reid, Witherell, and Luisi participated in meeting with CEQ

June 29 and July 6

- Refined conservation area categories and ensured regional consistency

August 30

- Continued work on consistency across regions, discussed GIS contract

October 3

- Discussed ongoing work, GIS contract, and CCC meeting prep

Meeting minutes are available on request

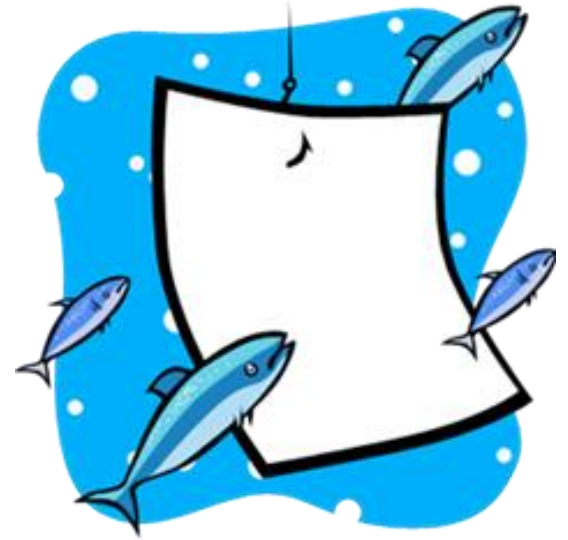


Meeting with US Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

- CCC Representatives Mike Luisi, Eric Reid, and Dave Witherell met with CEQ on June 27, 2022
- Other agencies present: NOAA, USDA, USGS, DOI
- Draft Report well received
- Lots of interest from group to use report and data for Conservation Atlas
- Will help others better understand fisheries regulations and impacts on conservation

Refining the Report?

- Made some tweaks to handling of ESA/MMPA Protected Resources (year-round versus seasonal)
- Split trawl and dredge into two categories
- Tightened up definitions of conservation area groupings
- Ensured other types of areas were captured - Monuments, Sanctuaries, etc. that included fishing restriction regulations in EEZ
- Doing final checks for consistency



GIS Contract (September 2022-April 2023)

- **Early September:** New England Council executed a contract with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- **September 16:** First milestone to assemble spatial data and identify gaps completed
- **October 15:** Second milestone to create spatial data, fill gaps, and begin to assemble a geodatabase expected
- **October 31:** Third milestone to calculate conservation area by Council region and category (ecosystem, year-round fishery, seasonal/other); create maps, expected
- **April 1, 2023:** On or before, the final database will be provided to the Councils



Next Steps for the ABM Subcommittee

- Finalize regional maps and conservation area calculations, working with contractor
- Finalize report and appendices
- Continue to coordinate with NOAA Fisheries on Atlas database
- Support the CCC on development of any position statements
- Prepare journal article on use of area-based management in US fisheries management and conservation
- Press release





Questions?