

May 2022 CCC Meeting – Outcomes/Action Items

Topic	Outcomes and Action Items
NMFS Updates	None
Budget	None
Science	The Gulf Council requested the deadline to submit comments on the Southeast Climate Science Regional Action Plan be extended until the end of August (NMFS will follow up).
Legislative Outlook	The CCC approved the updated Forage Fish consensus statement prepared by the Legislative Work Group.
Climate Change	The CCC recommended that NOAA Fisheries postpone further development of the Council Governance Policy until after completion of the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative.
Area Based Management/ America the Beautiful	<p>The CCC requested that NOAA Fisheries provide special funding, as soon as possible, to contract GIS work needed to consolidate and complete the work of the ABM/ATB Subcommittee.</p> <p>The CCC requested that NOAA convene a meeting with CEQ and the CCC Subcommittee representatives to discuss the draft report in time to be used in development and deliberation of the definition of ‘conservation’. The subcommittee representatives at this meeting will be Eric Reid, David Witherell, and Mike Luisi.</p>
Recreational Fisheries	None
Management Strategy Evaluations	None
National Seafood Strategy	The CCC provided feedback on the draft strategy. No action items.
Environmental Justice	The CCC agreed to establish an EEJ workgroup to share information about different approaches to meet EEJ objectives, taking into account the draft EEJ strategy. The Workgroup should consider developing a term of reference, holding an EEJ workshop, and publishing a peer reviewed journal article on their work.
International Affairs	None
ESA/MSA Coordination	The CCC agreed to form a working group to consider potential changes to the ESA Policy Directive addressing issues identified by the CCC through the May 2021 and January 2022 meetings.
Committees/Working Groups	<p>The CCC endorsed the Habitat Work Group’s proposal to meet in person in 2023 or 2024 with a focus on incorporating climate and climate resilience in our EFH designations.</p> <p>The Council Communication Group will consider developing a proposal for an in-person meeting for future review by the CCC.</p>