

NEFMC

Program Review Overview

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NEFMC Review

- Review panel approach
 - 3 managers, 3 scientists
- Contractor support
 - Stakeholder input
 - Administrative/meeting/drafting

Scope of Review

- Foundations of management
 - Legislation
 - Policy directives
 - Scientific information
- Council processes
 - FMPs
- Review of representative actions
- Challenges and opportunities



Documentation

- Outreach summaries
- Final report (55 pages)
- Tracking spreadsheet



Major Themes

- Maintain and improve relationships with partner agencies
- Learn from the past and plan for the future: assess past performance, forward thinking and visioning, strategic planning
- Emphasize importance of timely stock assessments as well as social and economic data
- Learn from other councils

SSC - Final Report

- Increased use of Council Risk Policy in decision-making
- Simplify the science
- Decision making under uncertainty
- Cross-cutting analyses that would benefit scientific input
- MSE to evaluate emerging issues
- Examine stock assessment review process

Next Steps

- Ex Comm subset and staff review and prioritize recommendations
- Prepare implementation plan
- Report to Council in fall and incorporate into priorities

Manager/Scientist Input

- “A strong theme among contributors is that the SSC is not consistent in its approach to setting ABCs and applying the Council’s Risk Policy and control rules.”
- “Some contributors also felt that the SSC’s approach to ABC recommendations does not adequately consider the performance of past decisions.”
- “Contributors suggested considering more structured ways to provide information to the SSC on the performance and needs of fisheries.”

Stakeholder Input

- Consider opportunities for improving communication with AP members and industry.
- Improve SSC engagement in the assessment process and discussions to improve continuity between the assessment and SSC processes.
- Examine the role of SSCs in other regions (e.g. west coast).
- Provide clear guidance on whether and how outside consultants should be accommodated.

Questions?

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