

Council Coordination Committee Document Review

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What Is the CCC?

- Established by 2007 MSA Reauthorization
- Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Executive Directors of each regional fishery management council
- Meets twice each year to discuss issues relevant to all Councils, including MSA implementation

NEPA White Paper

- Streamline development and review of FMP actions
- Does not remove analytic requirements
- Opportunities for comment extensive in Council process
- Similar to language in HR 1335 for Fishery Impact Statements
- Does NOT “gut NEPA”
- Ex Comm recommends support

Allocation Review

- Form of adaptive management
- Prompted by debates in other regions over past allocation decisions
- Two papers:
 - CCC: when should allocations be reviewed?
 - NMFS: what factors should be considered when developing allocations?

When Should Allocations Be Reviewed?

- Public interest
 - Ongoing public input
 - Solicitation of comment
 - Formal; petitions or referenda
- Specific time intervals
- Indicators
 - Are goals and objective still valid?
 - Are goals and objectives being met?

Ex Comm Comments

- Get rid of petitions and referendum
- Pre-agreed criteria – plan these out for new allocations
- New data should trigger review (example: MRIP updates)
- Problem of joint management issues – how can Councils drive changes – joint plans with different bodies

Cooperative Research/ Co-management

- RFMCs are co-management and should be identified as such
- There is virtually no analysis of information from decades of experience with cooperative management (including co-management with RFMCs) and cooperative research.
- Broaden research cooperation to include, in particular, NMFS scientists that prepare fishery management advice; improve funding