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# Guidelines on Formation of Stock Assessment Workshop Working Groups (SAW WGs)

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# Talk Outline

**1. Why develop guidelines on SAW WG formation and selection?**

**2. Description of guidelines.**

**3. When will this be implemented?**

# Why have guidelines?

- **SAW WGs - mostly ad hoc in nature, with membership often left to chance.**
  - **Group sizes often too large or small**
  - **Too many or too few experts on particular topics**
  - **Strive to be inclusive while addressing independence and advocacy**
  - **Progress and Decision Making by SAW WGs**
- **NRCC recommended developing SAW WG guidelines on:**
  - **expertise**
  - **composition/balance**
  - **size**

# Background and Recent Actions

- The NRCC formed a WG to craft the guidelines (2013).
- NRCC WG comprised of  
NEFMC, MAFMC, ASMFC, NEFSC staff
- NRCC reviewed drafts of the report  
in 2009, 2013, and 2014.
- Guidelines have been developed.  
We expect them to evolve over time.

# **SAW WG: Eligibility and Selection Guidelines**

- **Eligibility criteria**

- **Independence**
- **Expertise**

- **WG composition and size**

- **Balance of Expertise**
- **4 – 8 members**
- **Invited collaborators allowed**

- **Selection**

- **Initial list**
- **Final approval by NRCC committee**

# Implementation

- **Guidelines will be phased in for use in 2016 SAW Assessments**