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
The NRCC formed a WG to craft the guidelines (2013).

NRCC WG comprised of NEFMC, MAFMC, ASMFC, NEFSC staff


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
• Guidelines will be phased in for use in 2016 SAW Assessments