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Council Governance Guidance

Council Coordination Committee Meeting

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Tackling the Climate Crisis

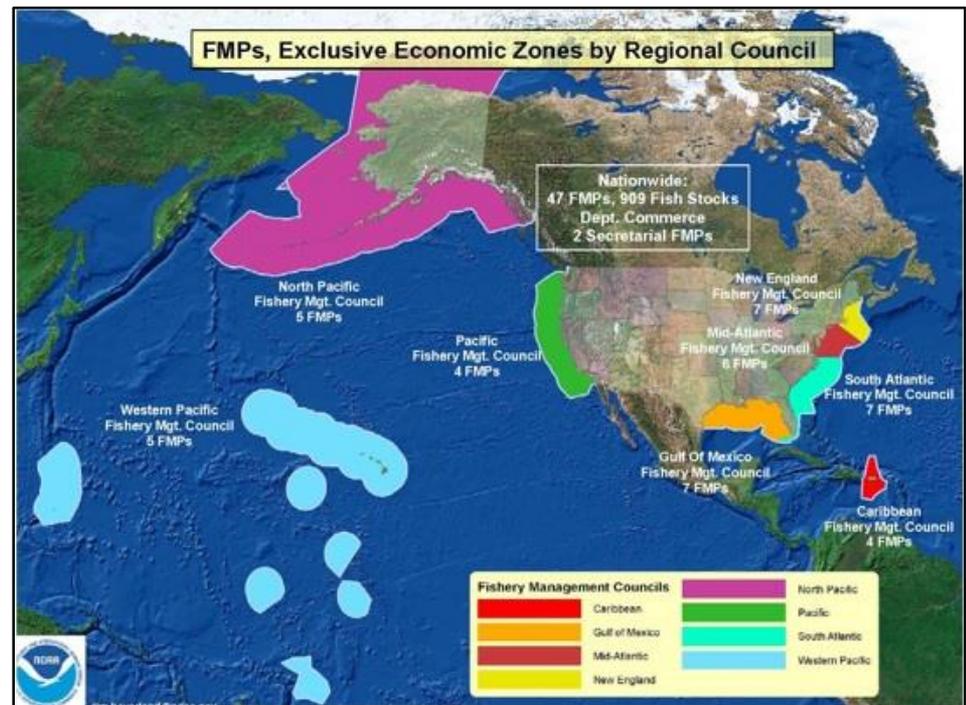
- Substantial work already accomplished by NMFS, Councils, Commissions
- NMFS Climate Science Strategy and regional plans
- Need to further advance efforts on management needs



MSA Section 304(f)

If any fishery extends beyond the geographical area of authority of any one Council, the Secretary may—

- designate which Council shall prepare the FMP; or
- require that the FMP be prepared jointly



Council Governance Policy/Guidance

- Rationale
 - Existing Secretarial authority under 304(f)
 - Expect more shifts in stocks and emerging fisheries
 - Need more transparency on how the Secretary of Commerce will exercise this authority

- Scope – Will address when and how the Secretary will review and assign authority over Federally managed domestic stocks found across more than one jurisdiction (under 304(f))



Key Components of the Policy/Guidance

- Criteria that would trigger a need to revise governance? (Biological, socio-economic, other)?
- Criteria that would be used to decide appropriate governance? (e.g., equity, biology, etc.)
- Elements needed to ensure successful implementation of Secretarial determination (e.g., regulatory “phase-in”/grandfather periods).



Proposed Timeline

May 2022: Present concept to CCC

June – Oct: Engage with regional staff; begin design

July 2022: Deadline for CCC comments on scope

Oct 2022: Update at CCC meeting

Early 2023: Completion of East Coast Scenario Planning
“Application Phase”

Spring 2023: Provide draft policy to CCC for comment

Fall 2023: Deadline for CCC and Council comments

Summer 2024: Finalize and Rollout Policy



Request Your Feedback

Are there any major gaps to the key elements or timeline?

What opportunities and/or challenges do you foresee in the development of this policy/guidance?



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Comments/Questions?



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