

WESTERN REGION CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

As part of its efforts to increase the production, delivery, and use of climate-related information, on April 12, 2016, NOAA Fisheries released a draft climate science action plan for the U.S. West Coast (Attachment 1). The Western Regional Action Plan (WRAP) outlines efforts underway to increase the production, delivery, and use of the climate-related information required to fulfill the agency's mission. As part of the NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy (NCSS), the WRAP conforms to a nationally consistent framework that guides efforts by NOAA Fisheries and partners to address the agency's climate-related information needs. The WRAP identifies strengths, weaknesses, priorities, and actions to implement the Strategy on the U.S. West Coast over the next three to five years.

The Council was briefed on NOAA Fisheries' draft NCSS in March 2015 (Agenda Item E.3). The NCSS was subsequently finalized and highlights from the NCSS were included in the briefing materials for the September Council meeting (Agenda Item [Agenda Item D.1, Supplemental Attachment 1](#)). The NCSS and WRAP are directly relevant to the Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers' support of the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan and related initiatives.

The Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup held a webinar on May 19th to review the WRAP and provide advice to the Council in a Report.

Under this agenda item the Council may provide comments and recommendations to the Science Centers for their consideration when finalizing the WRAP.

Council Action:

Provide Comments and Recommendations.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2, Attachment 1: NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy (NCSS) Western Regional Action Plan (WRAP) Draft version 22 March 2016.
2. Agenda Item F.2.b, Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup Report.

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